July 7, 1964

Dr. John Morsell
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Dr. Morsell:

For several years the laws of Georgia have provided an early May deadline for registration for the primary and general elections in this state. As a result of a new statute just signed into law, the deadline has been extended until July 20 for registration for voting in the September primary, and until about September 15 for voting in the November general election. Because of this new opportunity to get additional voters in Georgia, we have requested Mr. W. C. Patton to immediately renew NAACP voter registration programs in Rome, Augusta, Decatur, and Brunswick, Georgia, and he has apparently taken prompt action to get this done.

We are enclosing our VEP check in the amount of $4,000 to cover this special Georgia program and to which we have allocated the sum of $1,000 for each of the four cities assigned. Mr. Patton is authorized to increase or decrease the amount spent in any of said four cities provided the total disbursement will not exceed the $4,000 grant.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Mr. W. C. Patton
Encl: $4,000 check

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

7/28

Period covered by this report: From July 6 to July 10 19 64

Person reporting Mr. J. M. Atkinson

2711 Albany Street — Brunswick — Glynn — Georgia

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: July 12, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Glynn County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 471

Number instructed at home 320

Number instructed at clinics Unk.

Number instructed other places Unk. a. Specify places Public Meeting;

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 317

Number successfully registered by this project this week 312

Number denied registration in this project this week 5

a. Reason for denial Five (5) persons could not read nor write;

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Newspapers, Letters to Churches and organizations; Radio spot announcements;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of person successfully registered since the start 312

Number of workers in the campaign 116

Remarks We are having complete cooperation from every organization in this crash drive.

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

7/28

Period covered by this report: From July 3 to July 10 19 64

Person reporting Mr. Donald Jackson

512 Branham Avenue | Rome | Floyd | Georgia

Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: July 10, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Floyd County

Ward, Beat, Etc. | Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 221

Number instructed at home 65

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 78

Number successfully registered by this project this week 78

Number denied registration in this project this week

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 385

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of person successfully registered since the start 78

Number of workers in the campaign 43

Remarks

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Period covered by this report: From July 8 to July 12 19 64

Person reporting Mrs. Chris Lundy

647 Glendale Road Scottsdale DeKalb Georgia

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: July 16, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: DeKalb County

Ward, Beat, Etc. Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 375

Number instructed at home 15

Number instructed at clinics 50

Number instructed other places 86 a. Specify places Community Resort;

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 88

Number successfully registered by this project this week 84

Number denied registration in this project this week 4

a. Reason for denial Four (4) persons could not read nor write;

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Telephone calls and letters;

Number refusing to participate 50

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested;

Number of person successfully registered since the start 84

Number of workers in the campaign 2

Remarks

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

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Period covered by this report: From July 6, 1964 to July 13, 1964

Person reporting E. L. Gardner

1495 Broad Street | Athens | Clarke | Georgia

Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: July 14, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Athens, Clarke County/ Georgia

Ward, Beat, Etc. | Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 78

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 27

Number successfully registered by this project this week 27

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Unknown

a. Specify means Radio spot announcements, cards & Handbills

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of person successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in the campaign 14

Remarks We have also given cards and handbills to cab drivers for distribution and placed them in many public places.

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

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Period covered by this report: From July 13 to July 17 19 64

Person reporting Mr. J. M. Atkinson

2711 Albany Street — Street Address; Brunswick — City; Glynn — County; Georgia — State

Date submitted: July 19, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Glynn County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass: 555

Number instructed at home: 470

Number instructed at clinics: 151

Number instructed other places: Unk. a. Specify places: Two public meetings; Churches;

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week: 403

Number successfully registered by this project this week: 399

Number denied registration in this project this week: 4

a. Reason for denial: Four (4) persons could not read nor write;

Number contacted by other means: Unk.

a. Specify means: NAACP Mass Meeting; Democratic Club Mass Meeting; Radio spot announcements; Church announcements;

Number refusing to participate: None

a. Reason for refusing to participate:

Number of person successfully registered since the start: 811

Number of workers in the campaign: 170

Remarks:

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

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Period covered by this report: From July 13 to July 18 19 64

Person reporting Mr. Donald Jackson

512 Branham Ave. Rome Floyd Georgia

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: July 17, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Floyd County

Ward, Beat, Etc. Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 435

Number instructed at home 72

Number instructed at clinics 112

Number instructed other places 32 a. Specify places Cafes; Churches;

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 86

Number successfully registered by this project this week 86

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 412

a. Specify means Telephone calls; Churches; Clubs;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of person successfully registered since the start 164

Number of workers in the campaign 51

Remarks The books will remain open thru September 14th for the general election. For the next two weeks, a "Crash Program" will be put on by blackwokers to get the names, addresses and telephone numbers where possible of every eligible person in Floyd County not registered and each person will be asked to register.

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

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Period covered by this report: From July 13 to July 26 19 64

Person reporting Mrs. Doris Lundy

638 Gleendale Road — Street Address
Scottsdale — City
Dekalb — County
Georgia — State

Date submitted: August 5, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Dekalb County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 200

Number instructed at home 25

Number instructed at clinics 65

Number instructed other places 18 a. Specify places Ellawood

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 115

Number successfully registered by this project this week 72

Number denied registration in this project this week 43

a. Reason for denial Forty-three (43) persons could not read nor write;

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Letters and telephone calls;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 92

Number of workers in this campaign 62

Remarks

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Period covered by this report: From July 13 to July 20 19 64.

Person reporting Mr. E. L. Gardner

1495 E. Broad Street — Athens — Clarke — Georgia

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: July 21, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Clarke County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 230

Number instructed at home 123

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 198

Number successfully registered by this project this week 196

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Radio spot announcements; handbills and telephone calls;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of person successfully registered since the start 223

Number of workers in the campaign 25

Remarks

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

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Period covered by this report: From July 20 to July 24 19 64

Person reporting Mr. J. M. Atkinson

2711 Albany Street — Brunswick — Glynn — Georgia

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: July 26, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Glynn County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 271

Number instructed at home 220

Number instructed at clinics Unk.

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 175

Number successfully registered by this project this week 170

Number denied registration in this project this week 5

a. Reason for denial Five (5) persons could not read nor write;

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Weekly Church letters; Radio spot announcements; two (2) Mass meetings

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of person successfully registered since the start 981

Number of workers in the campaign 190

Remarks

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Period covered by this report: From July 20 to July 24 1964

Person reporting Mr. John S. Frink

563 Second Avenue — Street Address
Daytona Beach — City
Volusia — County
Florida — State

Date submitted: July 29, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Volusia County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 155

Number instructed at home 45

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places Unk. a. Specify places Campaign headquarters

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 35

Number successfully registered by this project this week 20

Number denied registration in this project this week 15

a. Reason for denial Fifteen (15) persons were already registered;

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Newspaper coverage and telephone calls;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 20

Number of workers in this campaign 17

Remarks

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Period covered by this report: From July 20 to July 27 19 64

Person reporting Mr. E. L. Gardner

1495 E. Broad St. | Athens | Clarke | Georgia

Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: July 28, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Clarke County

Ward, Beat, Etc. | Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 155

Number instructed at home 59

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 37

Number successfully registered by this project this week 37

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Handbills; Cards; Telephone calls;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of person successfully registered since the start 260

Number of workers in the campaign 25

Remarks

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

4/2/64

Period covered by this report: From July 27 to July 31 19 64

Person reporting Mr. J. M. Atkinson

2711 Albany Street — Street Address
Brunswick — City
Glynn — County
Georgia — State

Date submitted: August 2, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Glynn County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 431

Number instructed at home 311

Number instructed at clinics Unk

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 301

Number successfully registered by this project this week 290

Number denied registration in this project this week 11

a. Reason for denial Eleven persons could not read nor write;

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Churches; Newspaper coverage; Radio; Public Meetings;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1,271

Number of workers in this campaign 190

Remarks

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From July 27 to August 3 19 64

Person reporting Mr. E. L. Gardner

1495 East Broad Street — Street Address; Athens — City; Clarke — County; Georgia — State

Date submitted: August 4, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Clarke County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to door canvass: 205

Number instructed at home: 97

Number instructed at clinics:

Number instructed other places: a. Specify places:

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week: 42

Number successfully registered by this project this week: 42

Number denied registration in this project this week: None

a. Reason for denial:

Number contacted by other means: Unk.

a. Specify means: Cards; Handbills; Telephone calls; Radio announcements;

Number refusing to participate: None

a. Reason for refusing to participate:

Number of persons successfully registered since the start: 302

Number of workers in this campaign: 25

Remarks:

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

8/22/64

Period covered by this report: From August 3 to August 7 19 64

Person reporting Mr. J. M. Atkinson

2711 Albany Street — Street Address
Brunswick — City
Glynn — County
Georgia — State

Date submitted: August 9, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Glynn County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 417

Number instructed at home 336

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 279

Number successfully registered by this project this week 260

Number denied registration in this project this week 19

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means NAACP and Democratic Club Meetings; Weekly Church letters; Newspaper coverage and radio announcements;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1,531

Number of workers in this campaign 290

Remarks

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Per 9/31

Period covered by this report: From August 3 to August 10 19 64

Person reporting Mr. E. L. Gardner

1495 E. Broad Street — Athens — Clarke — Georgia

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: August 11, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Clarke County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 142

Number instructed at home 68

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 39

Number successfully registered by this project this week 39

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Unknown

a. Specify means Radio, Telephone calls, handbills and cards;

Number refusing to participate 5

a. Reason for refusing to participate Apathy;

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 341

Number of workers in this campaign 36

Remarks

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Rec'd 9/3/64

Period covered by this report: From August 10 to August 14 1964

Person reporting Mr. J. M. Atkinson

2711 Albany Street — Street Address
Brunswick — City
Glynn — County
Georgia — State

Date submitted: August 16, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Glynn County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 520

Number instructed at home 309

Number instructed at clinics Unk.

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 278

Number successfully registered by this project this week 270

Number denied registration in this project this week 8

a. Reason for denial Eight persons could not read nor write;

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Personal contact; handbills; telephone calls;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1,801

Number of workers in this campaign 290

Remarks

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Period covered by this report: From August 10 to August 14 1964

Person reporting Mr. E. L. Gardner

1495 E. Broad St. — Street Address
Athens — City
Clarke — County
Georgia — State

Date submitted: August 18, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Clarke County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 127

Number instructed at home 60

Number instructed at clinics 32

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 41

Number successfully registered by this project this week 41

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Radio; Telephone calls, handbills and cards;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 382

Number of workers in this campaign 38

Remarks

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Note: Attach narrative report to this.

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Period covered by this report: From August 8 to August 14 19 64

Person reporting Mrs. Doris Lundy

647 Glenndale Road — Street Address
Scottsdale — City
Dekalb — County
Georgia — State

Date submitted: August 18, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Dekalb County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 752

Number instructed at home 140

Number instructed at clinics 158

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 610

Number successfully registered by this project this week 571

Number denied registration in this project this week 39

a. Reason for denial Could not read nor write;

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Handbills and telephone calls

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in this campaign 4

Remarks

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Period covered by this report: From August 17 to August 21 19 64

Person reporting Mr. J. M. Atkinson

2711 Albany Street — Street Address
Brunswick — City
Glynn — County
Georgia — State

Date submitted: August 23, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Glynn County

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 410

Number instructed at home 219

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 241

Number successfully registered by this project this week 230

Number denied registration in this project this week 11

a. Reason for denial Eleven (11) persons could not read nor write;

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Public meeting; Radio News Letter

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2,031

Number of workers in this campaign 290

Remarks

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Period covered by this report: From August 17 to August 21 19 64

Person reporting Mr. E. L. Gardner

1495 E. Broad St. | Athens | Clarke | Georgia
Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: August 25, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Clarke County

Ward, Beat, Etc. | Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 218

Number instructed at home 80

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 61

Number successfully registered by this project this week 61

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Reading Telephone calls and Loud Speaker;

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 443

Number of workers in this campaign 45

Remarks

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Period covered by this report: From August 17 to August 22 1964

Person reporting Mrs. Doris Lundy

215 Trinity Place — Street Address
Decatur — City
Dekalb — County
Georgia — State

Date submitted: August 25, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Ward, Beat, Etc. Dekalb County Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 375

Number instructed at home 50

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 281

Number successfully registered by this project this week 280

Number denied registration in this project this week 1

a. Reason for denial "Not in state long enough";

Number contacted by other means Unk.

a. Specify means Churches; Telephone calls; Newspaper coverage; letters;

Number refusing to participate 20

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested;

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 986

Number of workers in this campaign 4

Remarks

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Date 9/9/64

Period covered by this report: From August 24 to August 28, 19 64

Person reporting J. M. Atkinson

2711 Albany St. | Brunswick | Glynn | Georgia
Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: Sept. 30, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Brunswick St.,

Simons Island, Brookman, Sterling
Ward, Beat, Etc. | Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to door canvass 570

Number instructed at home 315

Number instructed at clinics Unk.

Unk.

Number instructed other places Unk. a. Specify places Mass meetings, Church News Letters, Radio, Newspaper

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 226

Number successfully registered by this project this week 217

Number denied registration in this project this week 9

a. Reason for denial could not read or write

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2248

Number of workers in this campaign 290

Remarks The registrars reported to me this week that as a result of this program, along with the white people, Glynn County has almost doubled the registration since 1960. They believe that the Negro registration has been raised from 33% in 1960, to between 66 and 70% for 1964 of the total Negro population of voting age.

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Period covered by this report: From August 25 to Sept. 1, 19 64

Person reporting E. L. Gardner

1495 E. Broad St. | Athens | Clarke | Georgia
Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: September 1, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:
Athens, Clarke County, Georgia
Ward, Beat, Etc. | Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to door canvass 132

Number instructed at home 11

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 27

Number successfully registered by this project this week 27

Number denied registration in this project this week 0

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means undetermined

a. Specify means Radio, Telephone, Handbills

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 470

Number of workers in this campaign 45

Remarks The city passed a new ordinance today that might help get more people registered by using the county Registrar to also register for the city. We are hoping to have the office open on Saturday for the benefit of the working people.

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Period covered by this report: From 8-31 to 9-4 19 64

Person reporting J. M. Atkinson

2711 Albany St. Brunswick Glynn Georgia

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 9-6-64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Brunswick, St. Simons Island, Brookman, and Sterling

Ward, Beat, Etc. Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 708

Number instructed at home 417

Number instructed at clinics unknown

Number instructed other places a. Specify places Community House, Brookman, Sterling Community Center, St. Simons Churches, NAACP Mass Meeting

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 382

Number successfully registered by this project this week 361

Number denied registration in this project this week 21

a. Reason for denial Could not read and write

Number contacted by other means unknown

a. Specify means radio, newspaper, door-to-door, letters, handbills letters to churches

Number refusing to participate none

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2609

Number of workers in this campaign 290

Remarks We held night registration at Sterling, Brookman, St. Simons Island, and Brunswick with six Negro Deputy Registrars working. They were carefully watched by the chief deputy who is white and also a member of the White Citizens Council. Most of those who were denied could write a little, but not enough for him to pass them. This is our last week and we hope to reach the 3,000 mark by Monday, Sept. 14th. My report will include the final count. I will delay it until next Wednesday.

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From Aug. 31 to Sept. 4 19 64

Person reporting Mrs. Doris Lundy

211 Trinity Pl. Decatur DeKalb Georgia

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Sept. 10, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Ward, Beat, Etc. Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to door canvass 135

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 675 a. Specify places Churches, Board Meetings, Clubs and Civic Organizations

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 350

Number successfully registered by this project this week 332

Number denied registration in this project this week 18

a. Reason for denial could not read or write

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 37

a. Reason for refusing to participate was not interested, some could not read or write and were afraid to try.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2044

Number of workers in this campaign 4

Remarks Mrs. Lundy will send you a letter telling of the voting. The secretary is still with us. We have never seen so many people who could not read or write. We did not have any expenses to report.

Reports must be sent weekly. Note: Attach narrative report to this.

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SEP 21 1964

NARRATIVE REPORT

BY: Verdell G. Floyd
Ft. Pierce, Florida

Sept. 7-12, 1964

This week began with a holiday, therefore, we worked just five days, Tuesday through Saturday. Normally, we work six days. We have been keeping our headquarters open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for the convenience of the working people.

We have gotten a very good response from the people. Those who have come in to register have shown a great deal of enthusiasm for this cause. Others have taken part in transporting persons to the headquarters so they can register. Many have told us that they think we are doing a wonderful job.

Our success is being measured by many groups, however, only one group, the National States' Rights Party, presented derogatory comments. These comments appeared on the editoral page of our local newspaper, THE FORT PEIRCE NEWS TRIBUNE. We feel that this was done to discredit the CRUSADE FOR VOTERS and stir up anger and resentment among white citizens of Saint Lucie County. This act did disturb the Registrar a bit, because he was a bit reluctant to let us register in the first place. Other than this, there has been no major problems.

I do think, however, that we should conduct a voter education clinic. If you have any more material you can send us for this purpose, please send it to us.

NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 7 to Sept. 14 19 64

Person reporting E. L. Gardner

1495 E. Broad St. | Athens | Clarke | Georgia

Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: September 15, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Athens Clarke County Georgia

Ward, Beat, Etc. | Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 200

Number instructed at home 65

Number instructed at clinics 18

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 306

Number successfully registered by this project this week 300

Number denied registration in this project this week 5

a. Reason for denial was not able to pass the literacy test

Number contacted by other means unknown

a. Specify means street canvassing, radio, handbills, telephone & cards

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start better than 1700

Number of workers in this campaign 65

Remarks After checking with the registrar, we gained since July 20 better than 1700 persons registered. Official figures are being mailed under separate cover.

Reports must be sent weekly. Note: Attach narrative report to this.

NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From July 18 to Sept. 14, 1964

Person reporting Donald Jackson

512 Branham Ave. — Street Address; Rome — City; Floyd — County; Georgia — State

Date submitted: Sept. 14, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Floyd

Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 746

Number instructed at home 321

Number instructed at clinics 461 churches - clubs

Number instructed other places 367 a. Specify places many misc. places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week July 18-Sept. 14 431

Number successfully registered by this project this week none

Number denied registration in this project this week

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 574

a. Specify means telephone

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in this campaign

Remarks About all that could registar did.

Reports must be sent weekly. Note: Attach narrative report to this.

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

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Period covered by this report: From Sept. 7 to 14 19 64

Person reporting E. L. Gardner

1495 E. Broad St. Athens Clarke Georgia

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Sept, 15, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Athens, Clarke County, Georgia

Ward, Beat, Etc. Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 200

Number instructed at home 65

Number instructed at clinics 18

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 308

Number successfully registered by this project this week 300

Number denied registration in this project this week 5

a. Reason for denial Was not able to pass the literacy test

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means street canvassing, radio, handbills, telephone and cards

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NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 7 to 14, 1964

Person reporting J. K. Atkinson

Organization

2711 Albany St.	Brunswick	Glynn	Georgia
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: 9-24-64

Election District to which this report applies: Brunswick, St. Simon Island Sterling, Brookman-Pennick, Fancy Bluff, Broadfield, Needwood, Anco

Ward, Beat, Etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass ---------- 622

Number instructed at home ---------- 417

Number instructed at clinics ----------

Number instructed other places ----------

a. Specify places County-wide leaflets, church letters, radio, newspapers

Number applying for registration as a result of this program ---------- 206

Number successfully registered by this project ---------- 194

Number denied registration in this project ---------- 12

a. Reasons for denial Could not read and write

Number contacted by other means ----------

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate ----------

a. Reasons for refusing to participate

Number of persons registered since the start 2,803

Remarks: The low registration this week was due to the hurricane that struck this area in the middle of our final campaign. According to the Registrars, we have made our goal.

VEP. 4-29

same letter sent to VEP 4-4; Joyce Barrett

September 17, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
234 Hernando Street
Memphis, Tennessee

RE: VEP 4-29

Dear Mr. Patton:

As the deadline for registering for the general election has passed in Georgia, Mr. Branton requested that I inform you that the Voter Education Project will be expecting a complete report on your voter registration activities on or before September 30th. This should include a narrative report based on the suggested outline sent to you at the beginning of your project.

If you have any questions or comments, or feel this office can be of assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

September 21, 1964

Mr. W. C. Patton
234 Hernando Street
Memphis 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Patton:

I'm sending you the materials we talked about under separate cover. Perhaps it will be easier if you suggest to your workers that they rely on the outline itself, rather than the introductory statement, in writing their final narrative report.

The Voter Education Project is interested in a summary of the entire project. We are hoping for an assessment, by participants of the effectiveness of each particular program. We naturally assume there may be matters that are seen more clearly once the daily pressure of a voter registration drive ends that will be included in this last narrative report. For instance, do you feel you utilized properly all available volunteer help in your community? If not, why?

I hope I have answered your questions about the requirements for a narrative report. If you have further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

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SPECIAL REPORT

Hugh T. Love

RE: Political Action October, 1964

Athens, Clarke County, Georgia

The campaign in Athens was quite successful, considering the many obstacles that stood seemingly unmovable in the path of greater success. Mr. E. L. Gardner, a self-employed insurance executive, was the director. Mr. Gardner had previously run for public office and was defeated by only a small margin. He firmly believed that his defeat could be attributed to a shortage of registered Negroes and to the complacency of those who were registered and did not vote. He believed that a massive Voter Registration campaign would quell this laxity and complacency among Negroes of Athens. Together with ambition and the desire of the feeling of satisfaction of a job well done, Mr. Gardner and his workers added 700 new names to the rolls.

The registration office was open only two days a week. This was the greatest hindrance to the campaign. The Registrar never could see the necessity of keeping the office open on other days. But somehow Mr. Gardner and his workers managed to flood the Registration office on the days that it was open.

The officials of registration didn't seem too happy about the campaign. Neither did the remainder of the public officials. Slowly it was being revealed to them that the Negro vote was becoming more and more important as time went on.

As in most campaigns, door-to-door canvassing seemed to be the most effective method. Another very effective method was the distribution of small cards among the school children. These little

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cards, with space for the name and address of the parents, and the question, "Are You Registered", were taken home by the students and brought back the following day. Mr. Gardner would pick up these cards and immediately work them out.

There were only about 15 workers that really worked unceasingly throughout the campaign. Mr. Gardner, the director, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Calloway were the only paid personnel.

The cooperation of the community as a whole was poor. This can be attributed to misinformation and fear. Few ministers and professional people gave their support. This was one of the obstacles of which I spoke.

In the future, I feel that no one in Athens could excel the performance of Mr. Gardner in the coordination of a Voter Registration campaign.

REGISTRATION REPORT FOR 1964 CONDUCTED IN BRUNSWICK AND GLYNN COUNTY GEORGIA

Glynn County is located in extreme southeast Georgia of which Brunswick is the county seat. It became a muncipality one hundred six years ago though founded by General George Oglethorpe of England and settled in 1777. It has always been a city that has been noted for favorable raced relations. It has a population of 41,350 inhabitants as of 1960. The estimate population today is 55,000 people. The estimate ratio population is 15,000 Negroes of which eighty per cent reside within the city. It is a combination of industrial, fishing, and resort center. Unemployment is almost nil as far as those who want to work. The median income for Negroes is on par with Atlanta, and Warren Robins Georgia with an average income of more than $2,750 for Negroes and $3,500 for white people. There has been an upgrading in housing facilities since 1938. There has been a great increase on home ownership with negroes as well as white. However, there is still an acute need for rental housing and homes which has not been constructed for negroes on the same ratio as for white people. Within the next few months some one hundred public housing units are to be constructed for the benefit of large families with low incomes and the elderly. An Urban Renewal Program which will cover one-fifth of the city is now under

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contract with the federal government and the relocation program is now in process for those living in the area. The first project area will cover some ninety acres. This area has ninety seven per cent negro residents.

There are three elementary schools, one junior high school, one high school and a junior collegewhich has some 3,500 negro students. The white high school has integrate some 18 negro students attending out of 6,500 students in white schools. The state operated junior college which open for the first time Friday, September 25th, has six negroes enrolled. The negro high school is subject to losing its accreditation due to over crowded conditions, however, the jr. high school and one elementary school listed above will not open until next month and will releive much of the over crowded conditions. The number of negro students attending out of city colleges has increased one thousand per cent in the past ten years. There are no negroes hired by the city or county with the exception of laborers and one negro policeman. There were three negro policemen on the force , through their own faults they were releived for insubordination. The Post Office department would one time have had one hundred per cent negro letter carriers now have a majority of white carriers. However, there are seventeen negroes listed as carriers. Despite the fact that several negroes have applied for the position of postal clerks, the local post master has been stedfast in his refusal to have any negroes inside. One negro,

J. P. Atkinson, the Negro Republican leader, was this year named as a member of the Park and Tree Commission for the city. He is the only person of color appointed to any board, city or county. Efforts have been made through the local Democratic Organizations to have negroes elected to the Democratic Executive Committee and City Commission and in both instances he was defeated by the white voters who opposed negroes in elective positions. At this time Reverend J. C. Hope, who is the chairman of the Brunswick Branch is offering again for the City Commission. This election will be held on October 27, 1964.

The 1964 Registration Drive got under way in January and ended in May, founded several hundred new negro voters on the Registration list. This was reflected in the Democratic Primary in April when the negro vote return to office all but one present office holder which included a very liberal Registrs who had worked closely with us in getting negroes registered. The 1960 Presidential election found us with a total registration of slightly less than 10,000 registered voters of which 2,370 were negroes. The sustain drive for registration financed by the Voter Education Project in 1963-64 has more than double the number of negro registered voters in this county and also give us an addition of more than a thousand on the city registration books. Having to go to different places to register caused some people to go to oneplace and not go to the other caused the

the county to have a greater per centage than the city. When the last drive which started late in June was announced and wide publicity was given by the Voter Education Project for the drive, several white organizations who heard and read of our drive immediately got busy to get more white people registered. The sad part of their registration was they reactivate the KKK and organized a white citizen council and secured the aid of the local exchange clubs and the J.Cs'. and as a result they appeal to the lower class of white people who opposed to civil rights and registered several thousands new white voters to combat the increased negro registration . As a result of their effort all liberal candidates favored by us in the Georgia September 9th primary were defeated. For that particular primary there were 14,500 registered voters eligible to vote and we have been told by the Board of Registras that there will be some 18,000 registered voters eligible to vote in the Presicentila election. During the registration drive the white clubs were successful in persuading local officials to open the books at night in order to get working people registered. They were also successful in having the books carried to predominately white communities in the county for night registration. Some thirty deputy registras were appointed to do this work. We immediately then appealed to the registras for the same rights and privileges that had been extended the white

people and was granted the right to name six deputy registras and the books were carried into predominately negro communities for night registration. We have only one complaint against the actions the registra took, this was, they appointed as chief deputy registra , the head of the white Citizen Council Chairman of Voter Registration as chief deputy over the negro deputy registra. This caused us to stick to the letter of the law in registering those who were poor readers or writers.

To give a more exact detail of the activities of our registration program wide publicity was given voter registration through all churches, social clubs, business, labor, and faternal organizations. We had little or no trouble in securing their promise of active participation in the movement and none actually refused to go along with the program, however, as in all cases there are those who gave a lot of lip service but no work in getting the job done. However, as a whole radio, newspaper, public meetings etc. were completely inaccord and did have our announcement read to their group and in most instances official approval and comments were made relative to the project. The churches and ministers were very co-operative in seeing to it that their congregation heard our weekly letters. Several ministers actively supported and turned in lists of people they had personally carried to the place of registration. Press releases were given each week in the Brunswick addition ot the Atlanta Daily World. However, the local newspaper

refused coveragefor us. Their hostility was further indicated when they came out endorsing Senator Goldwater and stated editorially they were opposed to the reelection of President Johnson because of his support of the Civil Rights Bill and especially the Public Accommodation Section. They further fired the managing editor because of his support for the President. He is now the Publicity Director for Georgia for the Johnson-Humphrey Campaign. The only articles appeared in this paper concerning voter registration among negroes was an ad purchased by the Voter Education Committee. One of the Radio stations (WGIG) was very co-operative with us throughout the drive and when we purchased one spot they would donate one as a public service on all local newscast. Their announcers though not mentioning negroes continued to urged all citizens to go down and register. One of their announcers, a negro, and have local negro news was also very co-operative in his newscast kept our project alive. We relied greatly on hand bulletins, newsletters and public announcement in getting our program over to the people.

Beginning June 18 1964 at Mass meetings held weekly each Thursday at the Zion Baptist Church and largely attended by local citizens the program was announced and a speaker was allowed ten to fifteen minutes to talk about Voter Registration. We held meeting with our d or to door captains. They in turn

secured block workers and preceded to contact every home to determine those who were registered or not. Our program was carried on completely by volunteer workers under the directions of the Voter Education Director who was a paid worker. We secured maps of the city and county and marked off boundaries for each captain and his workers. These workers were from all walks of life. We provided transportation and volunteer telephone service to have cars dispatched to various parts of the county when called upon. All canvases were orientated and trained be the director for the work. They were given tally sheets to make weekly reports on and as a result a very accurate account was given by them. We must call your attention, however, to the fact that several hundred people stated that they did not need transportation but would go down on a given date and time and would register. Though we were unable to verify the actual registration, we consulted with the chairman of the board of registras weekly in an effort to ascertain the number of registered voters especially negroes that were placed during the given week. In a number of instances a worker did accompany the prospective registrant to the office of the registra.

We had no trouble with any negro refusing to cooperate for any reason. All public officials and business men of both

races were gratified with the showing of the negro citizenry. We were able to name the committees of one hundred business and professional people who were glad to cooperate with us and pledge to register ten people by September 14th.

According to our records that 2,803 new voters on the list as a result of this program. This should give us a total registration of approximately 6,000 negroes in Brunswick and Glynn County on the rolls for the coming Presidential election. There were 290 workers in this campaign who volunteered their service with no incentive offered to either prospect or worker.

In our opinion we have increased the negro registration from 33.4 per cent in 1960 to more than 70 per cent this year. We do not anticipate any t ouble in getting out to vote as to who our people will support. Our greatest task will be securing volunteer workers and carpools to cover the entire county on the day of election. We beleive that should we get out at least 87 per cent of the negro voters along with the liberal white people of our community we will be able to determine the course of our county in any and all elections. It is further our opinion that Voter Education should be continued in order to keep employers from intimidating their employees and causing them to vote against their own best interest.

The foregoing is a complete picture of Glynn County, its citizens, registration workers, and business people , of conditions

as exists today in our county. At this reporting it is our great fear that unless everything possible is done to get out the voter, our county could very easily land in the hands of reactionaries and against our best interest.

Please bear in mind that the per centage of registered voters given above represents the people of voting age.

In conclusion, a tremendous tribute must be paid the Voter Education Project and the N.A.A.C.P. for selecting our community as one in which they would finance this splendin program that is so badly needed all over the south. We wish to commend Reverend J. C. Hope, the N.A.A.C.P., Zion Baptist Church, The Glynn County Ministerial Alliance, Radio Station, WGIG, Mr. Genoa Martin, all of the precinct captains, block workers, and business and professional people for their splendid cooperation in making this report possible. For should we have not had their cooperation the project would have easily been a failure. And lastly Director, W. C. Patton and his office staff for their service and finance to us.

Respectfully submitted

J. M. Atkinson
Voter Education Director

SPECIAL REPORT

Hugh T. Love

RE: Political Action October, 1964

Rome, Floyd County, Georgia

The campaign in Rome was quite fruitful, yielding from its trees of unceasing efforts almost 1500 new registrants.

Out of this campaign new leadership was born. From the ocean of inactiveness to the mainland of activity came Mr. Donald Jackson, a new and courageous leader for Negro Romans. Mr. Jackson, a retired serviceman, steered the campaign with the ingenuity of a seasoned director. His workers seemed to have enjoyed working under his direction. Mr. Jackson had a quiet sort of mannerism that seemingly had a catalytic effect upon the progressive spirit of his workers. Mr. Jackson, I think, did a commendable job in the city of Rome.

The community as a whole was quite cooperative. This is with the exception of a few of the old leaders whose methods of work are outmoded, and the majority of the ministers.

Door to door canvassing was the most frequently used method. Workers were stationed on corners where crowds of people usually gathered. Twilight marches were held in problem areas where the clutches of apathy were tight. On one or two occasions, donkey parades were held in which a group of people marched through the streets with a mule that carried a sign, "I'm a jackass, I can't register. What's your excuse". This stimulated much interest throughout the entire Negro and white communities. From every corner of the city the plea for first-class citizenship could be

heard.

The registration officials were very cooperative. At various times they would keep the office open late to allow the people who worked late to come in. The office also remained open until noon on Saturdays. Other public officials, especially those in elective offices were rapidly realizing that the Negro vote was becoming a threat to those of them who had not catered previously to the wishes for the betterment of the Negro.

There was a total of 87 workers in this campaign, two of which were salaried, Mr. Donald Jackson, the director and Miss Betty Bullock the secretary.

Many committees were organized to handle such things as transportation, telephoning, publicity, refreshments, etc.

If ever another campaign is held in this area, may I recommend the same organizational structure. This team functioned with great effectiveness, so lets have "hats off" to them for a job well done.

VOTER REGISTRATION REPORT

DEKALB COUNTY

Submitted by: Miss Rosetta Williams
General Director

Oct., 1964

Dekalb County's Voter Registration Program was conducted from Aug. 16, 1963 to Nov. 1st, March 16, 1964 to May 1st, July to Sept. 1964. In a thriving community of approximately 305,000 total population, of which 30,000 more or less are Negroes, of this number over 15,000 are voting age. Dekalb County covers 269 sq. miles, has ten (10) municipalities, median education is 12.2 years. Negro patrolmen are employed in the city of Decatur; Negroes are employed by the County Health Dept. as public health nurses, recreation personnel, driver foremen, county agents, extension service, food packers, junior dental technicians, moter maintenance, library, water, roads and bridges, etc. One Negro has run for City Councilman; local elections did have prestige on Voter Registrations in Dekalb County.

Preceeding the actual campaign, four (4) weeks were devoted to recruiting local personnel from the fourteen (14) various communities; these representatives were assigned to soliciting workers. Letters sent to churches, club groups, civic leagues, and schools resulted in the culmination of sixty or more key workers. Workshops were held and complete instructions were given each captain and workers. The campaign was then organized with the necessary officers elected such as Chairman, Co-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity, Transportation, Telephone and Entertainment Committees.

The Director proceeded to obtain office space in the immediate vicinity of the Registrars office. Dekalb Office Equipment Co. fur-

nished the office with needed items, including typewriter, file cabinet, desk, chairs, table, etc., without charge. Office space was rented for $20.00 permmonth.

The organizational structure completed, and workshops concluded, the campaign was ready for Kick Off Rally Aug. 16th. Special letters were sent to city manager, Mr. John Markland and the Mayor, Mr. Jack Hamilton. Prompt replies assured us of their whole-hearted support. News releases were made through the Atlanta Daily World. Radio stations spot announced our Kick-Off and Mass Meeting.

The Dekalb County Ministerial Alliance at their regular meeting, adopted a resolution endorsing the all out Registration Drive and pledged their support. Rev. W. M. Mosely, general chairman, worked specifically with the group, securing the use of local churches for Mass Meetings and workshops. Ammouncements were made by the ministers, but gave very, very little co-operation in the actual soliciting of non-registrants. This particular fact was most disturbing, when we know what great success we could have had if the majority of the ministers had worked as they had pledged, particularly those pastoring churches in Dekalb. We feel that there must be more interest accelerated in the clergymen of our County.

Press releases and photos were submitted to the newspapers. We were given front page bulling when possible, but the community interest did not stimulate the press to seek information. We always called for a reporter except upon one occasion. Citizenship Sunday was observed on Sunday, Sept. 8th, and we had volunteer coverage. Radio time was given throughout the drive, with staff announcers making

spot plubs on day and nite programs free of charge. Posters, handbills, tags, car stickers and other materials were distributed by all the workers, captains and general chairmen and director, to churchs, stores, service stations, beauty and barber shops, club groups, lodges, community centers and schools; honor rolls were given to record new registrants. Materials were sent from the Memphis office of Mr. W. C. Patton, Field Secretary of Voter Education for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Mass Meetings were held on Aug. 14th and Sept. 8 at Antioch A.M.E. Church and Thankful Baptist Church, Sept. 25 at Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church. Speakers were selected for both informative and image purposes; they included Mr. Amos Brown of Morehouse College, Youth Worker for NAACP, Atty. Wiley A. Branton, Executive Director of Voter Education Project, Southern Regional Council, Mr. Randolph Blackwell, Field Secretary of Southern Regional Council, Mr. William Osborne, Director of Research Information, Dekalb County, Mr. W. C. Patton, Voter Education NAACP, Atty. C. M. Clayton, Dekalb County. Definitely their knowledge of political affairs determined their being selected to bring the type of message so badly needed in this area. The office was maintained with two full time, paid workers and 40 to 60 volunteers in the field. All areas were canvassed door to door by volunteers and staff.

Preceeding registration in a said militia district, canvassers were dispatched to the area, church announcements and newspapers carried registration dates and registrars were on duty from 6 p.m.

to 9 p.m. in sixteen (16) militia districts throughout the county from Sept. 19th to December. Beginning Jan. 3rd ten militia districts were covered, which brought the registrars within three to five miles of densely populated areas. Free transportation was furnished by our office, and each driver was paid per load according to distances traveled.

Volunteer canvassers received formal training from campaign director and chairmen in four (4) weeks workshop. Prizes were given to high producers each week of reporting. No special problems arose except in cases of persons unable to read; they were taught to read the question and write the necessary data. The office secretary, Miss Laverne Woods was in charge of this work. One parade was held in Scottdale Community, all day barbeque, and Kick-Off Rally Sunday night. Speaker for that program was Mr. Thomas McPherson, Assistant Director of Atlanta Council on Human Relations at that time. Personnel in the Registrar's office were most cooperative, ea er to help and clarify any questions to the registrants. Extra hours were added to the regular eight (8) hour day in the office Thursday and Saturday, and three(3) hours each weekday in neighborhood stations, These locations were in predominantly white neighborhoods but every one was registered, if they qualified, on a "first come first serve" basis. There were absolutely no acts of harassment, intimidation or discrimination on the part of Registrars, public officials or private citizens. In fact the Democratic Executives motivated the extra hours for nite registration and Saturday openings. The same thing was done by the Republican Executive Committee in 1961 campaign. The close of the 1963 campaign was Nov. 1st, and reopened March, 1964.

Mrs. Doris Lundy of Scottdale was Director, Miss Cynthia Brown, Sec. Three weeks of recruiting, securing office space and setting up committees, March 16th was Kick-Off date. Neighborhood stations were reduced to ten, but hours were the same, to accommodate the working people. Classes were conducted twice per week in the Travelers Rest Baptist Church for persons who could not read or write, thirty-eight were in attendance, and thirty-four succeeded in registering. One highly successful project was the Twilight March, held each Thursday from five to eight (5 to 8 p.m.) . Each new registrant was given souvenirs and refreshments. Special work was done in all the high schools, every student 18 years or over was brought to the Registrar's office by Mrs. Lundy, Miss Williams, Rev. H. E. Smith and numerous other workers - 210 students registered.

The results of the campaign were good, with much roon for improvement; according to records from this office 7,053 new registrants were put on the books. This figure does not include the campaign conducted by the All Citizens Committee, which was working in Dekalb County in Southeast Atlanta. No figure could be obtained from that office. In summarizing my statement I feel the need of continued and more strenuous drive, with concentration on more contacts made by the Field Secretary, to get more people to commit themselves and assume individual responsibility, placing special emphasis on participation in city and county governmental affairs. More paid personnel to work in communities consisting of more than 1,500 to 2,000 people, as DeKalb County is spread out over an area of 269 sq. miles, constituting fourteen to eighteen large communities,

certainly there would be a more closely woven pattern with greater results, although we do not wish to attempt to pay people to do their citizen's duty or help to get others to become citizens, but you have a point; when there are incentives involved to spur interest in a program, offers were made in the last campaign to community chairman producing the highest increase in voter registration, but this project was lost somewhere in the effort. One last plea and suggestion; that further emphasis be placed on recruiting the leading clergymen of our communities and place a direct responsibility on them to promote the laymen in registration campaigns, aside from mere announcements, we want to see more action in this work and the "Get Out The Vote" drive.

Overall increase in registration in DeKalb was more than 20,000 with an increase of 7,000 to 8,000 more or less being Negroes.

Signed:

(Miss) Rosetta Williams
Former Director

Mrs. Doris Lundy
Director

DEKALB COUNTY CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE

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Washington Park

Miss Azzie Lee Jefferson
Rev. W. L. Lucas
Mr. Thomas Norman
Mrs. Doris Lundy
Scottdale

Miss Bessie Johnson
Mrs. Thelma Johnson
Clarkston

Mr. Grover Robinson
Mrs. Thelma Crockett
Mrs. Annie Banks
Ellenwood

Mrs. Pauline Robinson
Panthersville

Mrs. Willie Bullard
Mr. Lucious Sanders
Miss LaVerne Woods
Mrs. Maggie Woods
Lithonia

Mrs. Rosa Middlebrooks
Avondale

Mrs. Amanda Peters
Rev. W. B. Peters
Tucker

Mr. Herbert Hood
Chamblee

REPORT ON VEP REGISTRATION

Rome, (33,000) is an important industrial center. The fertile, surrounding valley supports diversified agriculture, the famous Berry Schools (college) for mountain children. Integrated this week.

		New C of C figure
Total registration for County	17,000	
White	12,000	10,380
Negro	5,000	6,620

Voting age population 21,000 - white
7,000 - Negro

Educationalattainment 8 yrs. white
5 yrs. Negro

Median income $1,717.00 Household $6,084.00

Housing conditions Fair

Employment conditions Good such as it is

Public employment 2 policemen, 4 policewomen

Elective or appointive positions None

Local elections were not a factor in the drive, and no Negroes were candidates for any party or public office.

The registration program was set in motion by Mr. Patton and Mr. Love.

The new leadership here is Mrs. Elonora Edmondson, Mrs. Beatrice Freeman

The organization was made up of one director, two assistant directors four section leaders, twenty block workers.

Matching funds from the local branch NAACP

THE REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Publicity

A. 1. Cooperation from all organizations, very good.

2. Letters to all NAACP members

3. Announcements made mostly in churches

B. Use of churches

1. Direct contacts

2. Announcements, sermons very good

3. Participation very good

C. Only one paper her and they are not cooperative

D. Radio - none No television here

E. Posters and handbills, used

1. Some VEP, others from local printers

2. Volunteer workers

METHODS AND TECHNIQUES OF CONDUCTING DRIVE

A. Mass Meetings

1. All held in churches, no records kept of time or place

2. Selected for informative and image purposes, only one celebrity, Senator Johnson

3. Names were taken for volunteer work, for registration, and instruction, at each meeting

B. More participants were garnered from meetings as compared to other modes

C. Maintenance of office

1. Staff of two paid workers

D. Door-to-door Canvassing

1. From city maps

2. In sections with a leader, and 10 workers as many sections as needed to cover the area

3. To inform, instruct, enlist prospective registrants, transportation to the registrars office

4. Two paid workers, all others volunteer, many students participated

5. House to house handbills

6. Only that given by Mr. Love

7. Special problems handled by the director

THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

A. The attitude of the personnel in the registrar's office was the best

B. The registrar's agreed to stay open one hour later for one week, and they did

C. No

D. Name, name of parents, place of birth, where born varied some time, but very simple

E. None

F. Two paid workers, working out of the Director's office going to the registrar's office with prospective registrants, also a number of volunteer workers

G. Arrangement made with all funeral homes, for cars cooperation excellent

H. Those who failed registration test helped by Mrs. Eleanor Edmondson, few in number

I. It was mentioned that an unusual number of Negroes were registering

ATTITUDE OF PUBLIC TOWARD DRIVE

1. All Negroes had knowledge of the drive
2. Weekly announcement
3. They seem to approve
4. In some ways better

RESULTS OF THE DRIVE

A. 2,437

B. No sepperate records kept

C. From 20 to 80

D. 2 - staff 2 - others

I think the organization performed very well, but there is room for improvement. I would make some changes.

Donald Jackson, Director
Rome, Georgia

SUMMARY REPORTS

Helen Hayes

RE: Political Action - GEORGIA October, 1964

In the state of Georgia, where the registration age begins at eighteen, I organized and supervised campaigns in the following places: Columbus, Fort Valley and Augusta.

In these places we had support of both the adults and youths. The ministers also shared in the efforts.

In two instances, there was practically no resistance from the white community. However, in Fort Valley, we had resistance from the Registrar.

COLUMBUS

After being inducted into the services of NAACP, my first assignment was Columbus. This was a challenge to me. It was here I was going to evaluate my worth. A lot of work went on that week, preparing for the big bang. Signs were put up, handbills went out, telephone calls were made, and a car was put in the Tuskegee - Morehouse parade. An Army of youths was called in to blitz the community, 100 strong. The results was very distrubing, only 242 persons were registered.

There is no excuse to substiute for the small number of persons registered. However, Columbus is a transit town. Fort Benny is located there and a percentage of the residents are Army personnel. The housing in Columbus is nice compared to some towns in Georgia. Housing must come up to a certain standard to comply with the governments approval.

Negroes hold very good jobs at Fort Benny, but there are no Negroes holding any public offices.

Mrs. Katie Wotten directed the campaign. Much enthusiasm and dedication was missing, and this was due to the local community. There were persons who decided if they couldn't pilot the plane, they would rather see it crash, and this they did.

FORT VALLEY

Fort Valley is a very small college town, located in what is called middle Georgia. The chief occupation for Negroes is employment on Fort Valley State's campus. There are no Negroes holding public office; however one Negro, Dr. Bankhead of the Sociology department at Fort Valley State ran for city council and lost by sixteen votes.

The students at Fort Valley State did all of the groundwork for the campaign. They were 99 per cent responsible for the success of the campaign. The campaign was highly successful; 2,303 persons were registered in the six-week period. Remarkable!

This campaign was under the direction of Theodore Appling, who was the only paid person.

The community was bewildered by the campaign. There was an occasion when one of the youths knocked on a door of a home and the husband and wife were picking chickens. After the youth explained what the campaign was all about, the wife put her chicken down, and asked her husband to do the same. They left with the youth just as they were. This kind of enthusiasm was shown all over the area. This was one of the biggest and best that hit the little Georgia town.

The youth added all kinds of spark to the campaign; they carried signs, knocked on doors, sang Voter Registration pep songs, held weekly pep and report night meetings, gave Voter Registration sock hops, spoke in churches, dances, and at meetings of sororities, etc.

The president of the college received our program extremely well; so did the remainder of the faculty. Yours truly stayed on the college campus where Voter Registration forums were held three days a week, with the task force. This campaign was truly action packed. It not only drew the attention of the citizens of Fort Valley, but citizens of surrounding areas. Even the press looked into the action.

AUGUSTA

Augusta, Ga., the home of Payne College, is a typical Ga. town. Many Augustians work at the Army Base. Others are employed at Payne College, public schools, Pilgrims Insurance Company, skilled and unskilled labor positions. There are no Negroes holding any public or appointed office.

In a previous campaign here, canvassers were paid. There was no money to pay persons in this campaign so little help could be attained. There were two paid persons working in the campaign, a full time director and a full time secretary.

There was no organizational structure in this campaign; no substanial meeting was held during the whole campaign. More ordinary citizens should have been used in the campaign, whereas mostly white collar persons were used in the structure. These persons did not have time to contribute effectively. About 800 persons were registered as a result of three persons working voluntarily, and a

Director who hired a full time secretary at the start of the campaign. These persons were not effective. The first director had no contact with the masses, the second tried at this campaign. A new director was hired and a fairly successful job was done due to the circumstances.

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NARRATIVE REPORT

Athens, Georgia

Recorded

RE: Voter Education Project 1964

Athens, Clarke County located in the northeast section of Georgia, is about ten square miles in area. It's boundaries consist of four counties: Oconee on the south, Jackson on the west, Madison on the north, and Oglethrope on the west. The total population of Clarke county is 42,000; of that number 32,000 are white and 11,000 are colored. There are approximately 7,500 colored and 21,000 whites in the voting age population. The total number of colored registered is 4,486 and the total number of white registered is 11,978.

For many years, Athens was classified as a domestic town with little industrial work, but today it is rapidly growing into an industrial city and moving forward toward better homes, better jobs and higher salaries. The standard of incomes ranging from fair to good and employment is being opened more and more to skilled persons. Negroes are now being placed on the police force; four are now on active duty. A small number of Negroes are in the civil service and one Negro is serving with the Urban Renewal program.

There are no Negroes serving in an appointed city or county position. There are no Negroes holding any elected office and no Negro has offered his candidacy for any office in this fall's election.

The Voter Education Project sponsored by the NAACP began its kick-off drive with a meeting at the Hill Chapel Church, and organized an official staff and obtained pledges from all the churches and clubs to get their members registered. We appointed section leaders from all sections of the

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city and county; they picked their blockworkers. Mimeographed cards that carried information concerning family registration history were distributed to all achool and public gatherings. This was done to get the information that we needed for the first approach. Literature was distributed daily by the Boy Scouts, cab drivers and other interested persons. The drive was a success which netted Clarke County better than 1800 new voters.

REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Contact with organization and other parties was successful; most everyone gave their support and cooperation.

The churches opened their doors and invited us in.

The ministers observed Citizenship Sunday and used outline sermon which was mailed to them.

Announcements were made in all pbblic meetings.

Ministers were invited to all meetings; most ministers were contacted by mail with their sermon enclosed.

There were no newspaper advertisements by the NAACP.

The community interest were stimulated by blockworkers, handbills, telephone, cards and radio.

Announcements were made every Saturday night over WRFC Radion Station, between intervals on a two-hour program called "The Hours of Sharing", from 10:00 to 12:00 p.m., and another gospel program on Sunday morning from 8:00 to 8:15 a.m.

Handbills were distributed by the Boy Scouts, cab drivers and other interested persons.

The Rev. R. B. Hawks was the Citizenship Kick-Off speaker. Mr. W. P. Jones, a man whose knowledge of political affairs is respected, was the informative speaker.

Social, Political and Labor groups all worked under the NAACP staff.

An office was set up in the Ebernezer Baptist Church with paid and volunteer services.

Kits were prepared with proper literature and given to section leaders. The section leader distributed kits to the block workers.

A car pool was set up, and all literature passed out carried the telephone number for persons desiring transportation.

Canvassers were volunteers and were from all walks of life. In many cases, when a person became registered, they would volunteer and carry others to register.

Canvassing was designed to inform people about their political duties and being a first-class citizen. Regular check-ups were made by telephone and recanvassing.

There was orientation given to canvassers at meetings. They were motivated both ideologically and practically; they would share their experiences with each other.

Special problems were handled by more than one person and it was explained to them that the future of our children depended on them.

Parades and demonstrations did stimulate interest.

The attitude of the Registrar was good. Extra office hours were attempted and achieved. Neighborhood registrations were held in Beechwood Shopping Center and on the main street in down town Athens. There was no discrimination.

There was no literacy test required but classes were held and conducted by ward leaders for the purpose of teaching people how to mark ballots.

Public officials' attitude was very good; as they wanted more registered voters. Clarke county was below the standard of voters for the

size of the county and they cooperated very good. The Registrar would give me any information I asked for.

There was an increase of 2,086 people on the voters list from the Negro race.

This campaign was a real success; everyone was motivated and stimulated over the program.

E. L. Gardner, Director

Memo

WB -

Can you head Harry say, if you are going to New York & have time for a HNC meeting, you might drop Harry a note. The HNC is a meeting of civil

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Memo

rights agencies: Henry Moon usually attends from NAACP, Marvin Rich from CORE, other assorted people around New York. It's always a lunch meeting (sandwiches) very informal & lasts less than 1/2 hour

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WB

you never would do file this

Les,

Wittenstein called and says that the following is a gist of what he has. If you want more information, call him or if you want copies of these things, he'll furnish you with them:

Wittenstein has a memorandum from Harry Fleischman which says that the UAW has not yet made a final decision to go ahead with the film project. The film is to be a documentary on the defeat of Georgia Congressman James C. Davis. The film would illustrate the close cooperation between Negroes in the labor movement in this election to bring about a victory.

Wittenstein has copy of a letter written by Joel O'Brien Productions, Inc. of New York to Carroll Hutton, Director of Education, UAW, Detroit. This letter states that "the VEP has fallen quite a bit short of the goals set for it." It also makes the point that the Atlanta Story (the film) would be a perfect vehicle to drive home the reasons for Negroes to vote and the importance of one (1) vote. "UAW, Local #34 was involved in this fight (meaning the Weltner-Davis fight). The vote of the Negro precincts in Atlanta was enough to provide the vote for Weltner."

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The budget for such a film should be in the neighborhood of $30,000. It would be filmed on location (Atlanta).

The film has been discussed with Lloyd Garrison and with Julius Thomas (recently retired Industrial Relations Secretary of the NUL). Garrison feels that if UAW could come up with half of the budget, he could raise the other half from such sources as Taconic,

James Farmer of CORE said that he "would put such a film to good use as could the Urban League, the NAACP, the SRC, and the VEP, which do not have enough money for important visual aids of this kind."

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Film #28 turned over to Beth at SRC for Delmar Yoder of the Menonite Central Committee. The film is to be used from Apr. 9 through the 26, to be returned no later than the 27th.

Returned by Beth 8/14/65

The film broke in two places + needs splicing and retaping before being used again.

May 26, 1964

Mr. Robert Newman
United Church Board for
Homeland Ministries
287 Park Avenue South
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Newman:

I have discussed with our staff the matter of financial support to the production and distribution of the film, "Right Now." VEP would be willing to invest approximately $3,000 in the purchase of prints for free distribution to agencies and organizations, and would be pleased to assist in the actual distribution.

I discussed with Leslie Dunbar, Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council, the matter of a deficit in the production cost which I understand is about $5,000. Mr. Dunbar suggested that you or someone might talk with Mrs. Deborah Cole of the Aaron E. Norman Fund in New York, and perhaps that foundation would be interested in making a grant in support of your production cost.

If you intend to re-shoot the title and credits, then I would suggest that you include, "The Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council" as one of the sponsors. We have no desire that you include us unless you will be changing this part anyhow, but we think that there might be more willingness on the part of non-sponsoring groups to use a film where VEP was one of the sponsors.

You already know my views with reference to the use of at least one scene which could show the results which have come to people who did register and vote, but we are not insisting that this be included. Another suggestion which we now offer would be a scene showing one of the citizenship schools in

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operation since you show "Big Lester" saying that, "We have schools to each the people." We do feel rather strongly that there should be some narration, either at the beginning of the film or at the end, which would serve to further motivate individuals to not only go and register themselves, but to also help in getting others registered. I am enclosing a draft of my own suggestions in this regard.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Encl: 1
cc: The Rev. Andrew Young

PS I have discovered I will not be able to enclose the draft with this letter, but I will dictate it later and forward it to you.

TRUMAN B. DOUGLASS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
HOWARD E. SPRAGG TREASURER

ROBERT NEWMAN, CONSULTANT

287 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK 10, N. Y.

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UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR HOMELAND MINISTRIES

April 29, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Mrs Deborah Cole
Aaron & Norman Sand

Dear Mr. Branton:

We were delighted that we were finally able to get together last Monday.

The production details on the voter registration film are as follows: 28 minutes; 16 mm; color; sound; title "Right Now."

The budget is $30,000.00. Our original anticipation was that $10,000.00 would come from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries; $10,000.00 from the United Church Committee for Racial Justice Now; and $10,000.00 to be raised by S.C.L.C. in the South.

The first two items have been subscribed, and so far we have $2,000.00 from S.C.L.C., with the hope of additional money from S.C.L.C. (This budget does not include my own time, which is otherwise provided by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.) We estimate the production cost of the completed film at $27,000.00.

Presently the sponsors are: United Church Board for Homeland Ministries; United Church Committee for Racial Justice Now; Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

No other organization except the Southern Regional Council has been invited to participate. We are hopeful that the S.R.C. can become a sponsor with the United Church organizations and S.C.L.C.

Should the total budget be subscribed, any sum remaining from production would be used for purchase of prints for sponsors, distribution and promotion. The laboratory cost for prints will be about $68.00.

We hope to have the film completed and prints available by the end of May. We are at the point in production where titles must be prepared if the film is not to be delayed, so that we hope, unfairly, for a speedier answer than usual.

- more -

If there are questions that I can answer, our editing room phone is: 212-CIrcle 5-6714; and my home phone is: (Montclair, New Jersey) 201-PIlgrim 4-8421.

Sincerely,

Robert Newman

RN/ep

Robert Newman

June 2, 1964

Mr. Robert Newman
United Church Board for
Homeland Ministries
287 Park Avenue South
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Newman:

In my rush to go to New York last week, I was unable to include a draft of our suggested narration for the film, "Right Now" and told you I would send it later. I tried to reach you by telephone in New York, but was unsuccessful, and in the press of activities, I completely forgot about it until you called today.

I am enclosing some proposed narration which has been agreed to by Randolph Blackwell, Barbara Whitaker, and me, and would appreciate your phoning me as soon as you have had a chance to study it.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Encl.

PROPOSED NARRATION FOR USE WITH FILM "[illegible]"

At Beginning of Film

The problem of voter registration of Negroes in the South is one of major importance, and several organizations are now trying to do something about it. Experience has shown that where volunteer work has been used effectively to improve registration in a community, increased registration has resulted and changed conditions for the better have almost invariably followed.

The film you are about to see tells the story of one man who, for a long time, was simply not interested in the matter of voting. One day, he made up his mind that Negroes could improve their own lot by registering and voting, and he has since become a virtual missionary in the registration program, giving freely of his time in trying to get others to register and vote. People in Savannah, Georgia, call him "Big Lester", and while this film is primarily the story of one man, typical of many, it demonstrates what could be done in other towns by other people.

At the End of Film

Now that you have seen the film, ask yourself some questions. Am I registered to vote? Do I have similar problems in my community? What can I do to improve the situation?

The answer is obvious - I will register myself and then work to get others registered.

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UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR HOMELAND MINISTRIES

July 1, 1964

Voter Education Project of the
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia ATT: Wiley Branton

INVOICE

41 prints of "RIGHT NOW!" - 16mm, color - $3000

(each print @ 1,032 feet at $.065/foot
plus reels, cans and cases)

Please make check payable to the United Church
Board for Homeland Ministries

Mail to Robert Newman, United Church Board for
Homeland Ministries, 287 Park Avenue South,
New York, New York 10010

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July 7, 1964

Mr. Robert Newman
United Church Board for
Homeland Ministries
287 Park Avenue South
New York 19, New York

RE: VEP 4-30

Dear Mr. Newman:

I enclose herein, our VEP check in the amount of $3,000 made payable to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, representing payment in full of our contribution toward the voter registration film, "Right Now."

We received six (6) boxes containing film this morning, and I assume that they contain the forty-one (41) prints referred to in your letter of July 1. We intend to make wide distribution of this film, and should you receive any inquiries from organizations in the South wanting copies, then please feel free to refer them to us, so long as we have copies available.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Encl: $3,000 check

WB

1017 Lynch Street
Jackson, Miss.
July 11, 1964

Dear Wiley,

Andy told us in a COFO executive committee meeting yesterday that you could probably send us 5 or 6 copies of the voter registration film, "Right Now" to use in the summer project. We can certainly use them. Send them right away.

Thanks.

Annette Londer

Note:
We sent Annette 6 reels yesterday and a letter telling her they were on the way.
JS

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TREASURER

July 14, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Projedt Director
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

We received the film, "Right Now" and were very happy to get it.

We will be delighted to inform you of the success of the film. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Moses A. Riddick, Jr.
Executive Director

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July 10, 1964

Mr. Moses Riddick, Jr.
Nansemond Voter Project
2333 Norfolk Road
Suffolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Riddick:

We are forwarding to you under separate cover, the film, "Right Now," along with copies of a memorandum we have prepared concerning suggested narration that can be used at the beginning and at the conclusion of the film.

We would appreciate your sharing with us your observations as to the reactions noted and the results achieved as a result of the viewing of this film.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

July 13, 1964

M E M O R A N D U M

To: DISCUSSION LEADERS

FROM: The Voter Education Project

We would suggest that the following statement be read prior to the showing of the film:

> The problem of voter registration of Negroes in the South is one of major importance, and several organizations are now trying to do something about it. Experience has shown that where volunteer work has been used effectively to improve registration in a community, increased registration has resulted and changed conditions for the better have almost invariably followed.
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> The film you are about to see tells the story of one man who, for a long time, was simply not interested in the matter of voting. One day, he made up his mind that Negroes could improve their own lot by registering and voting, and he has since become a virtual missionary in the registration program, giving freely of his time in trying to get others to register and vote. People in Savannah, Georgia, call him "Big Lester" and while this film is primarily the story of one man, typical of many, it demonstrates what could be done in other towns by other people.

At the conclusion, the following questions might serve as stimulation for discussion:

> Now that you have seen the film, ask yourself some questions. Am I registered to vote? Do I have similar problems in my community? What can I do to improve the situation?
>
> The answer is obvious - I will register myself and then work to get others registered.

July 14, 1964

Mr. Hosea Williams
458½ West Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Hosea:

As promised, we are forwarding you under separate cover, three reels of the film, "Right Now," along with additional copies of the memorandum you received in the office today.

We would appreciate your sharing with us your observations as to the reactions noted and the results achieved as a result of the viewing of this film.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker

BIW:js

Two (2) reels hand-delivered in VEP office 7/14/64.
nos. 32 + 40

July 14, 1964

Miss Annelle Ponder
COFO
1017 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Miss Ponder:

We are forwarding to you under separate cover, six reels of the film, "Right Now," along with copies of a memorandum we have prepared concerning suggested narration that can be used at the beginning and at the conclusion of the film. Feel free to enlarge upon this narration in any way you deem appropriate.

We would appreciate your sharing with us your observations as to the reactions noted and the results achieved as a result of the viewing of this film.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Barbara I. Whitaker
Research Assistant

BIW:js

July 16, 1964

Mr. Ben Mack
5248 Ridgeway
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Mack:

We are forwarding to you under separate cover the film, "Right Now," along with a copy of a memorandum we have prepared concerning suggested narration that can be used at the beginning and at the conclusion of the film. It is suggested that those we send the film to elaborate as they see fit on this narration. Although the film is being made available to you, it remains the property of VEP.

We would appreciate your sharing with us your evaluation of this film.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Same letter also sent to:

Mr. Major Johns
Rev. Samuel Wells
Dr. Aaron Henry
Mr. Esau Jenkins
Mr. Herbert Coulton
Mr. golden Frinks
Mr. Daniel Harrell

July 16, 1964

The Rev. James Bevel
712 Dorsey Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Rev. Bevel:

We are forwarding to you under separate cover three reels of the film, "Right Now," along with copies of a memorandum we have prepared concerning suggested narration that can be used at the beginning and at the conclusion of the film. It is suggested to those we send the film to elaborate as they see fit on this narration. Although the film is being made available to you, it remains the property of VEP.

We would appreciate your sharing with us your evaluation of this film.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

July 16, 1964

Mr. Marvin Rich
Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

Dear Mr. Rich:

Mr. Robert Newman, of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries in New York, has produced a film entitled, "Right Now," which concerns itself with the problem of voter registration of Negroes in the South, and what is being done to combat this situation in one particular community, Savannah, Georgia.

We are forwarding to you under separate cover, one reel of this film, along with a copy of a memorandum we have prepared concerning suggested narration that can be used at the beginning and at the conclusion of the film. It is suggested to those we send the film to elaborate as they see fit on this narration. Although the film is being made available to you, it remains the property of VEP.

The Voter Education Project has invested in the purchase of several prints for free distribution to organizations and agencies, and we are interested in getting these prints distributed to interested parties. We would appreciate your assisting us in this endeavor and referring anyone to us you think could use the film to its best advantage.

It is felt by everyone here at VEP that this film will be a great help in motivating individuals to not only register themselves, but to also help in getting others registered. I am sure you will cooperate with us in letting others know we have such a film available for distribution.

We would appreciate yourrsharing with us your evaluation of this film.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Same letter also sent to:

Mr. James Forman
SNCC
8½ Raymond Street, NW
Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. W. C. Patton
234 Hernando St.
Memphis, Tenn.

List of Individuals Sent Film "Right Now" on July 16, 1964:

The Rev. James Bevel (3)
712 Dorsey Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Mr. Major Mohns (1)
301 Peabody Street
Alexandria, Louisiana

The Rev. Samuel Wells (1)
321 Merrit St.
Albany, Georgia

Mr. Ben Mack (1)
5248 Ridgeway
Columbia, S. C.

Dr. Aaron Henry (1)
213 4th Street
Clarksdale, Miss.

Mr. Esau Jenkins (1)
244 Spring Street
Charleston, S. C.

Mr. Herbert Coulton (1)
244 Halifax Street
Petersburg, Va.

Mr. Golden Frinks (1)
122 W. Peterson St.
Edenton, N. C.

Mr. Daniel Harrell (1)
505 S.Scott Street
Mobile, Alabama

Mr. Marvin Rich (1)
CORE
38 Park Row
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Mr. James Forman (1)
SNCC
8½ Raymond St., NW
Atlanta, Ga. 30314

Mr. W. C. Patton (1)
234 Hernando St.
Memphis, Tenn.

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

July 21, 1964

M E M O R A N D U M

To: All Participating Agencies

From: Wiley A. Branton

Re: Voter Registration Film "Right Now"

Mr. Robert Newman, of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries in New York has produced a voter registration film which concerns itself with the problem of registration of Negroes in the South, and what is being done to combat this situation in one particular community - Savannah, Georgia.

The production details on this film are as follows: 28 minutes; 16 mm; color; sound; title, "Right Now."

The Voter Education Project has invested in the purchase of several prints of this film, and it is available for free distribution to our participating agencies, as long as we have copies available. It is felt by everyone here at VEP that this film will be a great help in motivating individuals to not only register themselves, but to also help in getting others registered.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy, or copies, for your use, please write to us and let us know. After viewing the film in your particular community, we would appreciate your sharing with us your evaluation of it. We have prepared a memorandum concerning suggested narration that can be used at the beginning and at the conclusion of the film which can be enlarged upon as you see fit. Although this film is being made available to you, it remains the property of VEP.

WAB

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ATTORNEY ORZELL BILLINGSLEY, JR.
Chairman

MRS. BERNICE C. JOHNSON
Coordinator

WB

Ninth Congressional District

ALABAMA STATE COORDINATING ASSOCIATION

For Registration and Voting

1630 Fourth Avenue, North — Room 622
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
PHONES 324-1691 — 324-1692

July 23, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Five Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I would like very much to have a copy of the film "Right Now" immediately.

I plan to schedule showing the film throughout Jefferson County. Is the time limited for keeping it?

Yours truly,

Bernice C. Johnson by Count
(Mrs.) Bernice C. Johnson,
Coordinator

BCJ:ls

Encl.

JUL 27 1964

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
Suite 4
125½ Falls Street
Greenville, South Carolina

July 24, 1964

Dear Mr. Branton,

In regards to the letter we received July 22, 1964. We would like very much to borrow the Voter Registration Film "Right Now".

We will look forward in receiving the film in the near future.

Very truly yours,

Harrison Rearden

Harrison Rearden, chairman

BILLIE S. FLEMING

MRS. LILLIAN FLEMING DELAINE

GENERAL
INSURANCE
AUTO LIABILITY
CASUALTY
BONDS
FIRE

JUL 27 1964

Fleming and Delaine

FUNERAL HOME
PHONE 435-9945
502 WEST BOYCE STREET

Manning, S. C.

WINNSBORO BLUE
GRANITE MONUMENTS

25 July, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

The First Congressional District would like to have the Film "Right Now" as soon as possible. I think that this will be a big help to us here in our program.

Best personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Billie S. Fleming

July 27, 1964

Mrs. Yvonne Minor - Film # 31
Coordinating Council of
Greater New Orleans
P. O. Box 5107
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Minor:

As per your request, we are mailing you under separate cover the film, "Right Now!"

Remember, we will be looking forward to your sharing with us your observations as to the reactions noted and the results achieved as a result of the viewing of this film.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Same letter also sent to:

	Film #:
Bernice Johnson	23
Harrison Rearden	26
W. C. Patton - Birmingham office	27
Billie Fleming	30

P. S. Added: To aid you in your presentation, it will help to know that the voting age inGeorgia is 18.

August 4, 1964

Mr. Arthur T. Freeman
Tidewater Voter Registration Project
Room 103, YMCA Building
812 Wood Street
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Freeman:

Thank you for your letter received here August 3. As per your request, we are mailing you the film, "Right Now!" under separate cover.

Remember, we will be looking forward to your sharing with us your observations as to the reactions noted and the results achieved as a result of the viewing of this film. To aid you in your presentation, it will help to know that the voting age in Georgia is 18.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Film No. 22

REV. C. E. GRIFFIN
PRESIDENT

MR. EARL BRAXTON
VICE PRESIDENT

MRS. BETTY D. JORDEN
SECRETARY

DR. S. F. COPPAGE
TREASURER

MR. ARTHUR T. FREEMAN
DIRECTOR

DR. W. P. ROBINSON
COORDINATOR

TIDEWATER VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT, INC.

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
- + -
PHONE MA 7-0655

"A Program to Increase the Electorate of Tidewater"
TIDEWATER VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
ROOM 103, YMCA BLDG.
812 WOOD STREET
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA MA 7-0655

AUG 3 1964

July 30, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

The Tidewater Voter Registration Project would be interested in securing the film on Voter Registration in Savanah Georgia. We would like to have it as soon as possible, in order to have it viewed by the National Student Y.M.C.A. students, who are now working in this area.

Thank you,

Arthur T. Freeman

Arthur T. Freeman
Director

— Count

ATF/mhf

Joint: Freeman and film
WB

August 17, 1964

Mr. Robert Newman
United Church Board for
Homeland Ministries
287 Park Avenue South
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Newman:

We do hereby relinquish all rights, titles, and interest to the motion picture, "Right Now!" to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, except for such prints of that picture as we already possess.

Very truly yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Acting Assistant Director

VEJ,Jr/js

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TRUMAN B. DOUGLASS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
HOWARD E. SPRAGG, TREASURER

ROBERT NEWMAN, CONSULTANT

287 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10010

UNITED CHURCH BOARD FOR HOMELAND MINISTRIES

Rec'd 8/17/64

August 14, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Avenue, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear ~~Mr. Branton~~ Wiley:

We are entering in a contract with Brandon Films of New York so that "Right Now!" may have wider national non-theatrical and TV distribution. Before we may do so, we require the following paragraph on your letterhead:

> We do hereby relinquish all right and title and interest to the motion picture "Right Now!" to the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries except for such prints of that picture as we already possess.

Very truly yours,

Robert Newman

Robert Newman

Write for VE D's signature

AUG 20 1964

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CITIZEN COMMITTEE
41 Cannon Street
Charleston, S.C.

August 19, 1964

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
5 Forsyth Street M.W
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have forgotten to mention to you about the importance of the film, "Right Now." I feel it is a great film which will encourage many to become registered voting citizens. I am letting Rev. Louis H. Simmons have the film at the present time. Rev. Simmons is in Dorchester County, which is in the 1st Congressional District.

I am sending a clipping from the News And Courier. } In VEP 3-16 Research file

Sincerely,

Esau Jenkins

Esau Jenkins

File
VEP 4-30

August 21, 1964

Mrs. Eva M. Clayton
P. O. Box 533
Warrenton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Clayton:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 15 requesting a copy of the film, "Right Now!" The film is being sent to you under separate cover, and is being made available to you on a loan basis for an indefinite period of time.

We would be interested in seeing a copy of any report which you or the American Friends Service Committee might prepare following the citizenship education project in your area. When and if such a report becomes available, will you be kind enough to send us one?

Upon receipt of a budget proposal for your fall registration project, we would be pleased to give it immediate consideration.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Note: Film mailed 8/21/64 - #16

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Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

September 1, 1964

Mr. Charlie Burgess
Colbert County Voters League
200 Central Avenue
Muscle Shoals City, Alabama

RE: VEP 3-19

Dear Mr. Burgess:

Thank you for your letter of August 27 in which you inform us that the registration books will be open in Colbert County on September 2, 3, 4, 14, 21, and 28. We have decided to make a supplemental grant in the amount of $200, and our check for that amount is enclosed herein.

I do not know if we will be able to give you another grant in October, but you should let us know the actual dates when your books will be open in October.

A print of the film, "Right Now!" is being sent to you on a loan basis under separate cover.

15 mailed 9/1/64

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $200 check

9/4/64

Film No. 47 sent to:

Mr. M. J. Caruth
Box 2372
Little Rock, Arkansas

Joe Tucker

by request of John Due by telephone from
Arkansas 9/3/64

September 10, 1964

The Rev. Herbert Thompson
First Methodist Church
West Court at Alexander
Paris, Illinois

Dear Herbert:

It was very good to hear from you, and to know that you are busily working in your new position.

The film, "Right Now!" is a film which deals with the problem of registering persons to vote in Savannah, Georgia, a community typical of many others in the South. I am sending you a copy of this film for your use on a loan basis. You may return it when you have used it to its fullest capacity.

The evening we spent at Rev. Porter's in Birmingham was very rewarding for me in that I got to know a little of another of my Christian brothers - Herbert Thompson.

I hope that this is the beginning of a meaningful year in the Christian ministry for you.

Sincerely,

Albert Paul Brinson

~~APBPJ~~#19 sent 9/10/64.
Encl: Memorandum to Discussion Leaders

Returned 11/23/64

VEP 4-30

Film
Film & Journalism

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2 copies

NY Times

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1965. Media

Documentary Filmmakers Using Civil Rights Theme in Features

The movie camera is being used more and more as a tool in the civil rights struggle.

More than 25 short films on civil rights, a marked increase from previous years have been submitted as entrants in the seventh annual American Film Festival, which starts April 21 at the Biltmore Hotel. These 16-mm works are predominantly documentary, with a production span ranging from civil rights groups to independent film novices and religious organizations.

"I Wonder Why," running six minutes and made by Robert M. Rosenthal of New York has been submitted as photographic essay on the feelings of a Negro child. A half-hour film called "Invincible Weapon" from Paullist Productions of Pacific Pallisades, Calif., dramatizes the Negro's struggle for equal opportunities in housing, education and jobs.

"Right Now!" a 28-minute work by Robert Newman of New York deals with Negroes at Southern polls. It was co-produced by the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Committee for Racial Justice and the Southern Regional Council.

"The Streets of Greenwood," from Jack Willis, Fred Wardenburg and John Reavis Jr. of New York, depicts Mississippi tensions of last summer. "The Bus," a film by Haskell Wexler of Hollywood, shows a diverse group traveling to the civil rights march in Washington.

Another festival entry is "Nine From Little Rock," made by Charles Guggenheim of St. Louis and distributed by the United States Information Agency. The film stresses the progress of nine Negroes who ended segregation at Central High School in 1957.

"Segregation: Northern Style," a half-hour program originally presented on Columbia Broadcasting System television and submitted in 16-mm form by Carousel Films, depicts the housing problems of a Negro couple in Bergen County, N. J.

Rec'd 7/13/64
air mail Spec.

JULY 10, 1964

TO: MR. WILEY BRANTON, DIRECTOR, VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, #5 PRYOR STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

FROM: HOSEA L. WILLIAMS, SPECIAL PROJECT DIRECTOR, SCLC, 416 W. PARK AVENUE, SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31401 - AD 3-8127

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR VEP GRANTS FOR THE CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS AND THE SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

DUE TO THE TIME EXTENSION GRANTED BY GEORGIA'S NEW VOTER REGISTRATION LAW TO GET UNREGISTERED CITIZENS REGISTERED (QUALIFIED) TO VOTE IN BOTH THE SEPTEMBER PRIMARY AND NOVEMBER ELECTION, REV. ANDREW J. YOUNG, SCLC'S VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR APPROVED THE FOLLOWING REQUEST:

CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

TRANSPORTATION	$200.00
AREA WORKERS (10)	800.00
RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS (40)	100.00
NEWS PAPER ADS (1)	50.00
COURT HOUSE WORKER (1)	80.00
STREET CORNER & BAR-ROOM WORKERS (4)	320.00
	$1,550.00

OK
July 6

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SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
(BURKE, TATNALL, EMANUEL, LIBERTY, MC-INTOSH AND SCREVEN)

TRANSPORTATION	$300.00
ENTERTAINMENT	300.00
SPEAKERS	300.00
AREA WORKERS	480.00
	$1,380.00

OK - 1 time grant
July 20

THE ABOVE GRANTS WOULD ENABLE THESE PROJECTS TO OPERATE FOR FOUR WEEKS.

I AM ALSO AT ODDS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CHATHAM COUNTY CRUSADE FOR VOTER'S PROJECT HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR ONE WEEK AND THE SOUTHEASTERN GEORGIA CRUSADE FOR VOTER'S PROJECT WILL GO INTO OPERATION THE DAY I HEAR FROM YOU. I MET WITH THE VEP OFFICIALS OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED COUNTIES LAST SATURDAY. EACH IS HOLDING COUNTY MEETINGS - TONIGHT FOR THE PURPOSE OF KICKING OFF 4 WEEK VEP DRIVES.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY
CC: REV. ANDREW J. YOUNG

VEP 9-31

334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 524-1378

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer* Wyatt Tee Walker, *Executive Assistant*

July 15, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

We are forwarding to you a proposed program and budget received from the Chatham County Crusade for Voters and the Southeastern Georgia Crusade for Voters, to be directed by Hosea L. Williams.

I have discussed this proposal with Hosea and stand ready to supply additional information should you require same.

Your favorable action in this regard is very much desired and will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Andy

Andrew J. Young

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July 21, 1964

Rev. Andrew J. Young
SCLC
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: VEP 4-31

Dear Andy:

In accordance with our verbal agreement of July 15, 1964, I enclose herein our VEP check in the amount of $2,930, representing payment in full of a new grant for registration work in Southeastern Georgia. We are happy that we were able to approve in full the budget request submitted by Hosea Williams, dated July 10, 1964.

The sum of $1,550 is in payment of the Chatham County program for four weeks which we understand began about July 6, 1964. The sum of $1,380 is in support of a four-week program under the direction of the Southeastern Georgia Crusade for Voters beginning July 20, 1964 in Burke, Tatnall, Emanuel, Liberty, McIntosh, and Screven Counties.

The above grants are to come under the usual VEP regulations and will require the usual progress and financial reports.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

cc: Mr. Hosea Williams
Encl: $2,930 check

334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 522-1420

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer* Andrew J. Young, *Executive Director*

AUG 6 1964

August 5, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on Tuesday, August 4, 1964. We are requesting a grant in the amount of $500 for Jones County, Georgia. Negroes represent 45 present of the population. There are 1000 registered with a potential of 2300 to be registered. They plan to do a political education program along with the drive. The whole program is being coordinated through the Jones County All Citizens Registration Committee headed by Rev. Charles Wells.

VEP 4-31

We are also requesting a grant for St. Augustine, Florida.in the amount of $500. They have been doing a very good job, but transportation has been a real problem for them. They have organized on a distric basis with block captains. The money is needed mainly for material and transportation for a two month period.

VEP 4-35

Anything you can do on these two request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew J. Young

Andrew J. Young
Executive Assistant to President

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Make photocopy & file
one in 4-31 & one in
4-35

August 7, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
SCLC
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: VEP 4-31

Dear Andy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 5, 1964, concerning your earlier request by telephone for a $500 grant for a registration program in Jones County, Georgia.

We are enclosing our check in the amount of $500 representing payment of the grant in full, and it is our understanding that this program will begin immediately and run until September 15, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $500 check

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Atlanta, Georgia 30303
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AUG 21 1964

August 20, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
5 Forsyth Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Last week we sent John Gibson, a member of the staff, to Columbus, Georgia to investigate the possibilities of a successful registration drive. Columbus is a city that I find difficult to mark off and forget. Gibson has indicated to me that he feels confident that he can organize the students and obtain local adult supervisory help and thereby carry on an effective house-to-house program.

Some money would of course be needed to encourage the participation of workers, to pay for transportation, and to pay for handbills and other materials that would be used.

The drive would run from the present date down to the election and would include voter registration and voter education. I have reason to believe that this will be successful and hope that you will look fairly upon it.

I asked John to write the proposal, you will find the same attached hereto. Please, may we hear from you.

As ever,

Randolph Blackwell

Randolph Blackwell

B/h

VEP 4-31

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR REGISTRATION

DRIVE IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

Salary for full-time Secretary @$50.00 per week, 4 week period	$200.00
Compensation for nucleus workers approximately 10 people @$15.00 each	150.00
Expenditures for Handbills, placards, mailings, and radio ads	250.00
Expenditures for transportation (will possibly rent a bus and will furnish gas for private cars)	300.00
Total	$900.00
Miscellaneous: telephone, etc.	100.00
	$1,000.00

August 18, 1964

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Wiley Branton

FROM: The Program Department of SCLC

RE: Grant for Muscogee County Registration Drive

This is a request of the Voter Education Project from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for a grant of $1,000.00 to be used in registration efforts in Muscogee County, commencing immediately and terminating on the 15th of September, 1964.

We went into the area, as aforementioned, in order to find out exactly what could come of a sustained effort in voter registration in Muscogee County. John L. Gibson went into Columbus, Georgia on August 11th of this year to do research and to find out if we could possibly do a significant job in the next few weeks.

In his research, he found that of the 116,779 people in Columbus, Georgia, 61.4% of the population is 18 years of age and above, and approximately 68,504 people were of registration age in Muscogee County. The Negro population of voting age came to around 22,000 to 23,000. Of these, there are only 7,500 to 8,000 already registered. This leaves approximately 15,000 people unregistered, but are eligible or are of registration age. Of the 15,000, these are the grass roots people with not too much education.

While in Columbus, he was in touch with Mr. Vernon Mitchell of the Muscogee County Registration Committee, Mr. A. J. McClung of the YMCA, two grass roots leaders, Mrs. Moses and Mrs. Walkers, and he met the wife of a soldier stationed in Fort Benning, Mrs. Lillie Brown. In our opinion, a voter registration effort in Columbus could be beneficial for the Presidential election. We could get approximately 2,000 names added to the registration books.

In the county and the city, the courthouse is not as convenient or attainable as it is in Fulton County. Public transportation presents a problem and Negroes have not yet decided that the effort is worth getting on the bus, going on their own to register. In other registration campaigns in the area, Negroes have been taken to the polls in private cars and rented buses.

He also found that there is a hard core of about one to two dozen people who would get out and "beat the bushes" to find the necessary people to add to the registration books. Another two thousand Negroes added to the books in Muscogee would give the Negroes approximately 1/3 of the voting strength in the area which would be enough, coupled with the liberal white vote, to begin to mean something to the people in the area.

We feel that the existing leadership in Muscogee County is not equipped at this time to conduct the type of intensive drive that should be carried on. Therefore, we recommend that SCLC send in staff personnel to harness the energies existing in the youth groups, the interested adults, and other people, in order to make a sustaining effort pay off. This would mean that the majority, the bulwark of the work, would be handled by SCLC staffers. Reports would come from the staffers in the area to the Atlanta office and forwarded directly to VEP.

Rec'd 8/26/64

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

Progress Report

AUG 26 1964

CITY Savannah

COUNTY Chatham STATE Georgia

DATES 7/13/64 TO 8/21/64

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Stastical Summary;

No. persons registered 846

No. persons applying 866

No. persons contacted 4,300

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No. Volunteer Workers 102

No. Paid Workers 15

No. Working hours per week 1,500 300

Description of Voter Registration Program:

Plan of Organization:

The program is being directed by Miss Larcenia Cohen, 1444 Eleanor Street. Adams 3-8113 And mr. Benjiman Van Clarke is General Chairman (326 Price Street, ADams 2-7831). Most of the paid workers and volunteer workers are High School and College Students. Two groups are working on the street corners, bars and pool rooms committee. Two persons are responsible for the telephoning of the PRESIDENTS OF every organization concerning the registration of all mambers in his or her organization. Six persons are assigned to areas. They have the responsibilty of seeing to it that every house is canvassed for non-registered Voters.

Methods Used to Contact people to Register:

Door to door canvass, Telephone, Radio program (30 minutes) Organizations, Business, Street corners, Bars, Churches and Citizenship Movies.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

VOTER REGISTRATION

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Discussion of Problems faced: (leadership, obstacles at Registar's office etc.)

Our main problem is Leadership due to vacation time. Getting large number of Citizens to attend Mass Meetings due to weather (heat) conditions and beach season. Volunteer Workers. Transportation is another main problem, because transportation is needed; The very minute you find an unregistered voter willing to become registered.

Plans for Dealing with Problems:

As for the leadership problem, we are trying to train young leaders. Mass Meetings attendance might increase by bringing out of town Speakers. Our transportation problem can only be solved by purchasing old (good) cars and painting them into "Ballot Buses". New leaders are being trained by SCLC's Adult Citizenship school program.

New Insights in Voter Registration: (Methods, Motivation, Slogans Gimmicks etc.)

Public Address System in Automobile to go into every street, lane, Avenue, Blvd., Road and Alley to explain V.E.P. Our slogan "Freedom in '64 with 6,000 More". Our latest Gimmick is to give every new voter a number and have drawings for cash prizes.

Sponsoring Organization Chatham County Crusade for Voters Contact person Hosea L. Williams

ADRESS 416 West Park Avenue PHONE ADams 3-8127 (area code) 912

Submitted by:

VEP 4-31 - Chatham Co.

August 25, 1964

Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell
SCLC
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: VEP 4-31
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Dear Randolph:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of August 24 in which I gave oral approval for the grant in the amount of $1,000 for a registration program in Columbus and Muscogee counties, which we understand will begin immediately and run through the September 15 registration deadline.

Our check in the amount of $1,000 is enclosed herein, representing payment of this grant in full.

I have reviewed the program which you submitted for Muscogee County, and it appears to be a workable program which should bring excellent results. You are well aware of our previous difficulties in Columbus, and I would hope that you would see to it that we are kept fully advised of the progress of this program.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $1,000 check

August 28, 1964

Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell
SCLC
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: VEP 8-31

Dear Randolph:

We are pleased that VEP can approve your request of August 25, 1964, seeking a supplemental grant in the amount of $800 to support the continuation of the registration program in Chatham County, Georgia, under the auspices of the Chatham County Crusade for Voters. Our check representing payment of the supplemental grant in full is enclosed herein. We understand that you will continue the project through the September 14 deadline.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $800 check

334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 522-1420

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer* Andrew J. Young, *Executive Director*

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AUG 26 1964

August 25, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

I am submitting herewith the report for our program down in Chatham County.

I have been in contact with Hosea and he has indicated that there is reason to expect that even greater successes will be accomplished by the Chatham County Crusade for Voters in the coming months.

In light of this fact and the success that is before us, we would like to request a supplementary grant in the amount of $800.00 for the continuation of this program.

Your favorable action in this regard will be very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

Randolph Blackwell

Randolph Blackwell
Program Director

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Enclosure

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JONES COUNTY ALL-CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Bethune Avenue
Phone: SH. 3-9842

Macon, Georgia
Atlanta: 523-6615

September 4, 1964

To: ALL CITIZENS

From: Rev. C. E. Wells, Sr.

It has been brought to my attention that some confusion exists as to the aim of the All-Citizens Registration Committee. In an effort to dispel any erroneous ideas the following statements are made:

1. The Jones County All-Citizens Registration Committee has as its principle goal, the registering of all eligible non-registered citizens.
2. The Committee does not endorse or recommend any candidate or party.
3. The Committee does encourage all registered citizens to vote in all elections.
4. The Committee has as subsequent goals the betterment of Jones County in regards to employment, housing, roads, schools, etc.

If there are agents who are practicing behavior contrary to that outlined above, kindly contact me by phone at SH. 3-9842, Macon, Ga., or 523-6615 in Atlanta, Georgia (collect). The selling of the Negro vote MUST stop.

(Rev.) C. E. Wells, Sr.

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GENERAL ORGANIZATION OF JONES COUNTY

All Citizen's Registration Committee

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JONES COUNTY ALL CITIZENS COMMITTEE
1096-Main Street,
MACON GEORGIA.

DEAR SIR:

AN ALL CITIZENS REGISTRATION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED IN JONES COUNTY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (S.C,L.C.)

THE REV.CHARLES C.WELLS,PASTOR OF CAMP HOPE A.M.E. CHURCH IN MACON GA, WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ANDLATER CONFIRMED BY A VOTE AT THE INITIAL MEETING.

MRS BOBBIE CALLOWAY WAS ELECTED SECRETARY.MR. ALONZA BARFIELD AND MR.C.TUFF WERE SUBSEQUENTLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

THE COMMITTEE NOW PLANS AN ALL OUT DRIVE TO REGISTER ALL ELIGIBLE NON-REGISTERED NEGROES IN JONES COUNTY.IN ORDER TO DO THIS YOUR HELP IS SOLICITED.YOU AS A REGISTERED VOTER CAN DO THE FOLLOWING IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM:

1.PLAN TO VOLUNTEER YOUR SERVICE IN WHATEVER WAY YOU CAN TO PROMOTE THE PROGRAM.

2.PLAN TO ATTEND A MEETING THAT WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED IN YOUR PRECINT.

3.START NOW TO TALK UP VOTE CONCIOUSNESS IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

$.ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO REGISTER AND BE PREPARED TO VOTE.

WE HAVE ONLY TWO MONTHS TO REGISTER MORE THAN 700 VOTERS,WON'T YOU DO YOUR SHARE?

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WRITE ME AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS,OR CALL ME AT Sh39842. most sincerily,

Rev.C,E.Wells Sr.

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The following is a statistical summary of the Jones County Voter's Registration Committee:

Number of persons eligible to be registered, 700.

Number of persons contacted, 700.

Number of persons known to be registered, 300.

Number of persons suspected to be registered, 400.

Total number of persons registered prior to drive, 1,350.

Total number of persons eligible to register, 2,200.

Percentage of registered eligibles, 81%.

This figure is based on an approximation by the Deputy Registrar.

September 17, 1964

The Reverend Andrew Young
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-31

Dear Andy:

As the deadline for registering for the general election has passed in Georgia, Mr. Branton requested I inform you that the Voter Education Project will be expecting a complete report on your voter registration activities on or before September 30th. This should include a narrative report based on the suggested outline sent to you at the beginning of the project.

We have received no reports at all from the project in Jones County. We would appreciate knowing what voter registration activities have been carried on there.

If you have any questions or comments, or feel this office can be of assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

cc: Mr. Hosea Williams
458½ W. Broad Street
Savannah, Georgia

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Jones County All Citizens Registration Committee

Bethune Avenue Macon, Georgia

Phone: SH-39842 Atlanta: 523-6615

September 17, 1964

The following is a detailed summation of the progress of the Voter's Registration Project of Jones County which commenced on the 12th of August and ended one month later.

Jones County consists of nine voting precincts, most of which are sparsely populated with Negroes. Being a Rural County, the usual urban methods of contact had to be abandoned. In lieu of urbanic methods a complete county organization was instituted in order to provide opportunities for community leadership and community pride. (See attached sheet No. 1). Each precinct is identically organized with the idea in mind that the General Chairman need only contact precinct chairmen to initiate a certain course of action and this action will be spontaneously carried out within the County. Each precinct besides the organizational officers has several volunteer workers. (See attached list No. 2).

Probably the greatest problem confronting us was the

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large amount of area to cover and the few willing, but not experienced, personnel to cover it. This problem was later alleviated as we managed to secure volunteers of a more experienced level.

Upon receiving the initial grant from V. E. P., I drafted a letter and sent it to all registered voters in Jones County informing them of the Registration Drive. (See attached letter No. 3). This letter was very helpful in arousing interest.

There were no serious problems faced at the Court House as the Registrar was most co-operative throughout the duration of our drive. He extended the hours of Registration until seven o'clock p.m. on the 12th of September. (Normal closing hours is 4:30.) We did meet with some hostility by a clerk in the registrar's office. This matter was quickly corrected, as I explained that we would not tolerate any such hostility by any county officials.

Our greatest problem was the people themselves. Many of them had to be re-educated or educated for the first time to the necessity of registering to vote. The time element did not afford us the time to do a thorough job in this area. Many of them had given up on voting because for many years, psuedo-Negro leaders had sold their vote to the white man.

One such individual was working in this respect under the "Sham" of our registration project. When I learned of this I immediately issued a letter of clearification. (See attached letter No. 4)

Prior to the above discussed point in the program, I had employed Albert Dunn as temporary field co-ordinator. His duties were to serve as liason between the precinct chairman and the General Chairman. He set up meetings, helped to organize project procedures, and actually served as a Rural Block Canvasser.

We set up a meeting at the only high school in the County where we talked to all students 17½ and over. We were able to get some 30 odd students registered on the spot because of this effort. The principal, Mr. D. A. White, was very helpful as he provided the school bus to transport the students to and from the court house.

As a result of this project, I am convinced that the only way to successfully launch a Voter's Registration Campaign is by providing an opportunity for small community leadership. Rural folk resent outsiders but in many cases will respond to the efforts of community members. Once a break-through is gained the Campaign can gain momentum and outsiders won't be resented as much.

I feel that this project was a success and further feel that the ground work has been laid in Jones County.

The entire county is organized and competent leaders have been placed in key positions on the community level. The attached sheet (No. 5) will indicate the statistical Summary.

I submit this report for the Jones County All-Citizen's Registration Committee as Chairman thereof.

Rev. C. E. Wells Sr.

December 14, 1964

Mrs. Edwina Smith
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Edwina:

After I spoke to you on the telephone this morning, I opened the envelope containing the last financial reporting you had submitted to this office. Mr. Branton had made a notation on one of the check carbons you had submitted in which he requested that I ask for further explanation of your check #1029 to the American Express Company in the amount of $272.51. I am returning this check carbon and its attached invoice to you since in its present form it is unacceptable as a claim.

The invoice, while it bears a customer's name, shows no address, no customer's signature, and contains a $20.00 miscellaneous charge which is completely unexplained. If you want to re-submit this to the Voter Education Project, please do so with a comprehensive explanation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

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July 28, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Dear Ozell:

I am leaving for Washington and New York today, and I am sending you the preliminary grant of $1,000 for the Arkansas Voter Project so that you can get to work immediately, and will be in a position to issue checks as soon as you have received them from us. The checks will be rushed to you as soon as we get them from the printer, and I would prefer that you not write any checks until you get the voucher checks. I will take action on the full budget immediately upon my return.

I am enclosing a sample of a voucher which you will want to duplicate or change for your own use in the various counties to show cash payments. I am also enclosing a sample from one of the voter education project reports, but I know that this form will have no meaning in Arkansas where the only registration is the payment of a poll tax, and where there would be no denials or any necessity for clinics or workshops to get people prepared to pass a registration test. I suggest that you prepare a form for use by each county which could be made out in triplicate with a copy being retained in the county, and the other two copies being sent to your office, where you would then keep one and forward the other to us. The form could indicate the total number of people paying poll tax through the VEP program, with some breakdown information as to the number who paid poll tax last year to the number paying poll taxes for the first time.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Arkansas FARM BUREAU Federation

GENERAL OFFICE 112½ W. MARKHAM ST. TELEPHONE FRanklin 5-7261
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

ROOM 209 - CENTURY BUILDING
610½ West 9th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

August 3, 1964

Atty. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Reference is made to your letter of invitation to the planning meeting of the proposed state-wide poll tax campaign here in Arkansas.

I deeply regret my failure to attend. I was out of the state and was unable to meet with you. The paying of the poll tax by our 3200 Farm Bureau members and their families has and still is one of our MUST.

John Gammon, our president, who also regrettably failed to attend this planning session, along with our Executive Committee are ready to cooperate.

Ozell Sutton, your representative here, is to meet with our leadership group at Pine Bluff, Arkansas on August 5, 1964 at which time we plan to unify our efforts.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Pierce

W. M. Pierce, Fieldman
Negro Activities

WMP:ls

VEP 4-32

August 5, 1964

Mr. Ossell Sutton
Arkansas Voter Project
1304 B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ossell:

This will acknowledge receipt on July 29, of the proposal of the Arkansas Voter Project for a grant in the amount of $13,000 in support of a statewide poll tax campaign which will run from now until the October 1 deadline. I think that this is a reasonable request for a statewide program, and I am pleased that VEP can approve it in full.

We have sent you a set of financial instructions and conditions covering the grant, but I want to reemphasize that no portion of these funds may be used to support partisan politics or in support of any particular candidate in any manner whatsoever. This applies also to the opposition of any candidate.

I suggested previously that you should prepare your own voucher form for use in support of cash expenditures in each county, and I am enclosing some extra ledger sheet forms for use in connection with your weekly financial reporting. I am enclosing herein a check in the amount of $5,000, making a total of $6,000 which you have already been paid on your grant. We will send you additional funds on or about September 1 unless you indicate a need for additional funds prior to that time.

I note from your budget that the counties will be asked to raise some money, and I just want to remind you that none of these funds should be deposited to the regular VEP account.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jm
Encl: $5,000 check and voucher forms
cc: Mr. William Townsend

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JUL 29 1964

Air Mail Spec.

A VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT PROPOSAL

to the

Voter Education Project
Atlanta, Georgia

A Proposal to conduct a state-wide voter registration campaign to be known as the Arkansas Voter Project. The Project will be directed by Ozell Sutton, Associate Director of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, who will take leave from the Council for the duration of the campaign. A Steering Committee of twelve persons from over the state has been selected to supervise the Project. Dr. William H. Townsend, President of the Council on Community Affairs of Greater Little Rock, is Chairman; Mrs. V. T. Hegwood, a Little Rock teacher and immediate past president of the Arkansas Teachers Association, is Secretary; and Mr. W. L. Jarrett, a funeral director, is Treasurer.

Purpose

The purpose of the Arkansas Voter Project is to increase substantially the number of qualified Negro voters in the state. Arkansas has approximately 192,000 Negroes of voting age. Of this number 80,000, roughly 45 per cent, are registered voters. The Steering Committee, in session July 23, 1964, set a goal for the campaign of a 25,000 increase in the number of qualified Negro voters.

Method

The campaign directed by the Arkansas Voter Project will cover a period of two months, August and September. A campaign organization was formed in a state-wide meeting of Negro leaders July 16, 1964. These leaders, numbering about 70 persons, will aid the Director of the Project and the Steering Committee in initiating voter registration campaigns in their various communities. Each Steering Committee member will accept the responsibility of aiding in the supervision of the campaign in a number of counties to be later designated.

Through this method campaigns will be initiated in some thirty or thirty-five counties having a heavy concentration of Negroes. Each county will have its own steering committee made up of its local leaders who will select a chairman and other officers.

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Budget

Any budget for a project like this would necessarily be fluid for there are many unknowns and undeterminables. The Steering Committee is requesting from the Voter Education Project a grant of $13,000 with which to carry out the above outlined project. The Arkansas Voter Project in turn will budget funds to county organizations based on a formula worked out in the last Steering Committee meeting. Under the formula a county organization will be budgeted ten cents (10¢) for each unregistered Negro of voting age. The Arkansas Voter Project will grant three-fourths of this sum with the other one-fourth to be raised on the local level.

Funds granted to county groups from AVP will remain in the state organization account and disbursed to county units upon presentation of proper vouchers. Such vouchers would be valid up to and including the amount of the grant budgeted from AVP.

Example: Pulaski County has 14,862 unregistered Negroes of voting age. Under the formula it will have a budget of $1,486. Of the $1,486 budgeted the county organization would raise $372 and could expect from AVP $1,114. Of course a county may raise and spend in excess of the one-fourth required of it in the plan.

Under the system $4,000 is budgeted for the operation of the state office which will service the county units with supplies, promotional materials, organizational aid, etc. Using this method the campaign will benefit from quantity buying. The other $9,000 will go in the form of grants to county groups. When these groups will have raised their matching funds they will have a total of $12,250 with which to carry on their campaigns.

Budget Schedule

$1,275	State Director
500	Secretary
300	Extra Secretarial Help
150	Office Rent
150	Telephone
400	Application Blanks
400	Promotion
300	Travel
100	Office Supplies
125	Postage
300	Miscellaneous
$4,000	State Office Total
9,000	Sub-grants to Counties
$13,000	Total Grant from Voter Education Project

WB

901 N. West Ave
El Dorado Arkansas 71730
August 6, 1964

Mr. Wiley A Branton
50 Forsythe N.W
Atlanta, Ga

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that your letter of July 13, 1964 is now mine. I am very sorry I was out of the City. At that time. I was in Atlanta Ga. attending a conference.

However, if I can be of any service to you at this late hour please let me know. I willing to do what I can toward the Voter registration.

Very truly yours,
W.T. Keys

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WA

1415 King Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
September 1, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Attorney at Law
Room 206
5, Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia , 30303

Dear Bro. Branton:

I received your letter dated July 10, 1964 and the second letter dated July 23, 1964. Both of the letters came to my Tillar Address, and I was surprised that you did not know that I had moved to Pine Bluff and to the above address, and have been living in Pine Bluff for about 18 Month. However you letters were forwarded to me from my old address at Tillar, but b y the time I received the letter of July 10th. asking me to come to Little Rock Thursday July 16th. it was to late, and I am sorry but thats the way it was.

Now I am A member of the Pine Bluff Branch of the N.A.A.C.P. and a member of the Executive Committee, and I was very active in the Voters registration , to the extent that I put my feet on the Streets and walked from house to house, and got Petitions signed. So you can bet on me being on the go.

Yours Friend and Bro.

W. J. Colclough

W. J. Colclough

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September 8, 1964

Mesdames Simmons and Shanks
Arkansas Voter Project
1304 B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mesdames Simmons and Shanks:

It was a pleasure to meet and work with you while visiting the Arkansas Voter Project. As I told Mr. Sutton while there in the office, "You folks are an impressive bunch."

I hope you have much success during the remaining portion of the voter registration program. If my office can aid you in any way, feel free to put out the S.O.S. The role that each of us plays in this project is a significant and needed one. Who knows, we may change the course of our nation's history. With fondest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Tucker
Field Representative

JT:bs

Rep 4-32

September 8, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Arkansas Voter Project
1304-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

Joe Tucker tells me that you are in need of additional money, but our records reveal that you still have a little over $4,000 unaccounted for, and we certainly would not be justified in sending additional funds until you have accounted for a substantial portion of the money on hand. It also appears that we have not received any progress reporting from you, and would appreciate your sending this, also.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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September 8, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton, Director
Arkansas Voter Project
1304-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ozell:

I am back in the office after many miles of interesting travel. Thank you for the guidance and knowledgeable effort you gave toward making my stay in Little Rick interesting. It was helpful toward gaining a broader knowledge of voter education and how to organize such efforts into more meaningful directions.

I was quite impressed with everything I saw while visiting your office in Little Rock. I think you have a fine staff of people giving their time and ability. You certainly have put it to its best use. The organizational work done in areas other than Little Rock shows much honest and sincere labor in the vineyards of the masses which produce registered voters.

My visit in your office was a learning experience for me. I am most grateful to have received such experience in voter registration. There is no need to say how much I respect you as a leader of men, director of a very fine, well organized project, and a friend.

Feel free to request the services of my office whenever the need arises. Regards to your staff.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Tucker
Field Representative

JT:bs

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September 8, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Joe L. Tucker

Re: Field Trips to Little Rock, Arkansas, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Nashville, Tennessee

INTRODUCTION

Friday, August 28, WAB called me in conference concerning four or five days of organizational work with Ozell Sutton in Little, Rock, Arkansas, helping him to get some "crash" voter registration programs going. It was decided that I would leave Atlanta by plane early Monday morning stopping in Chattanooga to see Marvin Cousin, talk to him about the voter registration project there, get a clear picture of its organizational methods, and registration drive techniques.

- Leave Chattanooga, stop in Nashville, see Attorney Avon Williams and Mrs. Ella Boyd - see how their project is doing, and offer my services if needed in a problem-solving way.

- Leave Nashville and go into Little Rock, Arkansas, to help Ozell Sutton of the Arkansas Voter Project do organizational work in setting up voter registration programs in the southern area of Arkansas and points north of Little Rock.

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE - TENNESSEE VOTER COUNCIL: Marvin L. Cousin, insurance agent, family man. Two full time office workers. Hard to get volunteer workers, most people in this town said Cousin expects to be paid, nobody but a few people work as volunteers. The TVC plans to get radio time on the Negro station during the last week in September to urge people to register. The TVC isn't going from door-to-door. This has been done in the past with little results. Hand bills, bumper stickers, etc., have been more effective. A lot of canvassing is done by phone using information and phone numbers gathered from past door-to-door registration campaigns. These numbers are called by the canvassers and these people are urged to get out and vote on election day.

The office is a walk-in, on the corner. The area is on the fringe of the Negro business district. Cousin expresses a wish that the office could be closer down town.

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They have a motor pool of three cars on stand-by that are used when necessary to transport persons wishing to register to the courthouse.

I visited the courthouse and witnessed the registration of two Negroes and a change of address of a third. The present registrar has been in office about a month. The whereabouts of the other registrar was unknown by Cousin. While in the office, Cousin talked to the registrar and was received courteously. The assistant registrars, or clerks, were very nice, and courteous in handling applicants for registration. The voting requirements are quite simple: Age 21, be able to write your name, answer whether you have been convicted of a felony, have lived in Tennessee one (1) year, and 90 days in this particular county (Hamilton). Also, if a person becomes 21 years of age before an election, he may register to vote before the books close.

Cousin said they had about 50 people a week coming into the registration office a week seeking information on how to register. Cousin said W. C. Patton had money for possibly one more month's rent, and maybe the telephone bill.

The law states that the registrar take the books out into the county ten times a year. Cousin and his workers have circulated petitions to get the registration books in some thickly populated Negro housing areas. They are awaiting a decision which will be made around the 15th of September.

Cousin sometimes solicits the help of his fellow insurance agents in putting out auto bumper stickers and encouraging unregistered persons on their debits to register and vote.

I sat in on plans for an "Intra-Church" campaign with Cousin and Robinson. The plans states for the minister to poll his church and urge the congregation to register and vote. Each voter will get his name on a voter registration honor roll that will be placed in the lobby of each church.

Cousin said they registered about 1,350 people during the June-July drive. They have workers at the courthouse to meet and record the names of people who come in on their own to register.

I met Mr. C. B. Robinson, President of TVC, who is employed as a school principal. He voiced the same feeling as did Cousin about the TVC. Funds are at a minumum, but the TVC received about $700 from COPE. Mr. Robinson has been active in Labor for 20 years.

The whole staff of TVC put out a great registration effort for the primary election August 6, 1964. Right now, they are gathering strength and momentum for a final run of non-registered people to the courthouse by October

3 for the federal election. Mrs. Cato is chairman of the Publicity Committee for TVC. She can be reached at the TVC headquarters. Robinson said the people in Chattanooga were very complacent about voting and participating in voter registration unless they are paid. Robinson said this was mainly due to politicians buying votes and paying people to work in their individual campaigns. The people feel that the TVC should do the same thing, if not, some won't even work or participate in the program.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE: (Avon Williams, contact) - Avon Williams was busy, but gave me an audience for enough time to discuss the voter registration project. The other contact, Mrs. Ella Boyd, was out of town.

They have two paid workers, a secretary , and a worker at the courthouse who both receive $37.50 per week. The worker at the courthouse is stationed outside the registrar's office that is so situated in the courthouse where many people both Negro and white, pass its doors daily. This worker stops as many Negroes as possible and takes them a few steps into the office to be registered. Williams states that this has brought very good results. He feels that better results have come from this effort rather than the door-to-door canvass type registration drive. This idea was put into practice due to a lack of sufficient funds and volunteer personnel to promote registration in the area.

Williams showed me a compilation of voting data and figures of which he will send VEP copies. Williams said they were just about to the end of their budget and he was thinking about submitting a request for supplemental funds.

He asked me to send him some VEP forms - progress, and financial voucher forms. (Done by phone from Little Rock 9/2/64. - Note: forms sent same day of request. js)

Williams feels that there is prevalent among the people, a condition of antipathy that prevents them from becoming registered and casting a vote. I ended my discussion with Williams by suggesting ways of getting more people registered and increasing his volunteer work force.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS - ARKANSAS VOTER PROJECT (Osell Sutton, Director):

Tuesday: Arrived in Little Rock, was met by Osell Sutton, and he introduced me to his staff of one paid worker - his secretary, and a volunteer worker. He took me to the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, and I renewd my acquaintance with Nat Griswold. Sutton gave me an introductory talk as to what the AVP is doing, what it has done, and what its plans are to do by October 3, 1964. I reviewed some of the literature put

out by AVP, then plunged into the voter registration work that was to be done. The main function of AVP is to furnish impetus for people to pay their poll tax which is all there is necessary to vote in Arkansas. This impetus is furnished under the direction of Osell Sutton by putting poll tax blanks in anyone's hand who will go out and solicit people to pay their poll tax. Booths are set up at some of the larger grocery stores with a large Negro customer ratio, barber shops, beauty shops, to solicit people to pay poll tax. Mr. Sutton has to do a lot of running around to collect this money from people who sold the poll taxes, and to get others organized. In between these errands, Sutton is constantly asking or reminding people to pay their poll tax. I went on the afternoon run to check the booths, collect money, put out more circulars and billboards (see attached example), and replenish poll tax blanks to the various people working. Osell Sutton is busy in other area organizing and setting up meetings to increase voter registration.

Wednesday: I met a Mr. M. J. Caruth, Box 2372, of Little Rock, who stated that was promised to send him a copy of the film, "Right Now:" I did some office work making up packets of placards and handbills to be distributed by a volunteer to different business establishments. I accompanied a volunteer on a voter registration distribution run to deliver said packets. We delivered poll tax blanks, posters, and handbills to various business establishments in Little Rock. I helped Osell Sutton complete plans for the organization of projects in Hope and Texarkana, Arkansas. We left Little Rock early in the morning to make the trip into the previously stated towns. I went to deliver some volunteers at two shopping centers where they will be soliciting poll taxes this afternoon. We visited areas which had the most thickly populated Negro areas in this part of Arkansas. The AVP's programs consist of four divisions 1) churches, 2) PTA, 3) booths, 4) Poll tax marches. Another technique is drop-stations. That is, they leave a poll tax book in any establishment that will promote the "Pay Your Poll Tax-Vote" program.

Thursday: We left Little Rock early and went to Hope, Arkansas. We met with seven leaders of the community in Hope, Arkansas, and got the program organized and explained to the leaders what was expected of them, what financial help the AVP could give them, and discussed ways in which to stimulate the purchasing of poll taxes in this general area. The seven people at the meeting represented churches, schools, the Negro political leadership in the community, and a county farm agent who gave to the group many valuable contact names.

We went on to Texarkana, Texas, to contact Negro leaders there to see if we could organize a voter registration program there. We contacted the leaders in the community and luckily, they had planned for the evening a meeting to discuss a voter registration drive. We stayed over in Texarkana to attend this meeting. Both Osell Sutton and I spoke on the program. The people enjoyed hearing what we had to say, and chose a

chairman to head their "Voter Registration-Pay Your Poll Tax" drive. In Hope and Tomkinsa, there was unorganized, sporatic attempts to urge people to pay their poll tax and vote. The AVP is all over the state organizing these attempts, and an increase of registered voters is beginning to show up on the registrar's books. (Note: The AVP is well aware of the fact that a payment of poll tax is not necessary for state and local elections. In order to avoid confusion and misunderstanding, the AVP is urging people to pay the poll tax so they can vote in all elections. They even have to pay a poll tax in order to vote it out of existence.)

The AVP plans to organize voter registration drives all over the state and they are very close to realizing that goal.

Friday: I did some work with publicity registration material in the office, met Mrs. Daisy Bates, discussed voter registration with her, and helped some volunteers get their material ready for distribution in their assigned areas.

The AVP seemingly is a well-organized project. The most glaring weakness I found to exist is the need of someone of a responsible nature and know-how, to assist the project director. My short period of assistance to him seemingly was very helpful. [illegible] assured we may expect very good results from the AVP, especially under the qualified, dedicated leadership of Omell Sutton.

As a result of our efforts during the week, an estimated 1,000 persons paid their poll tax and are now eligible to vote.

JLR:jm

Attachment

September 9, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Arkansas Voter Project
1304-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

It appears from our records that you have never paid VEP the sum of $33.50 for the voucher checks which we had printed for your project. Will you please send us a check for this amount at once.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

~~8-22-64~~
9-12-64
(was wanted
sooner)

August 10, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Arkansas Voter Project
1304-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Sutton:

We have received the invoice on the check imprintings done for your project in the following amount:

500 voucher checks	$32.55
Sales Tax	.98
Total	$33.53

Please send us your check reimbursing the Voter Education Project for this amount. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

Recd 9/11/64 WB/ JM/ recorded 55

ARKANSAS VOTER PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project Ark. Voter Project

1304 B. Wright Little Rock Ark

Street Address City County

Person Reporting Sutton Date Sept 9, 1964

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 10,000

Number contacted by other means 22,000

a. Specify means Booths and Mass Meetings

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons registered since start 10,000

Number of workers in campaign 4,000

Remarks An estimated 10,000 persons have been registered in 24 Counties where AVP is working. From 40 to 50 per cent are reliably felt to be new.

VEP 4-32

Recorded JSV JMV

SEP 14 1964

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September 12, 1964

Atty. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Enclosed is a summary report of our efforts in voter registration here. I'm sorry there has been no reporting before now, but the business of organizing has been so pressing there was little or no time left. You may expect weekly reports now for the duration of the campaign.

I am encouraged by what I have found over the state. We have registered some 12,000 persons. I conservatively estimate half of these to be new. We have done some spot checking -- that is, to take the 1963 poll tax book and see how many of the persons who registered through our efforts are listed in the '63 book. From 50 to 60 per cent were new. Based on my experience of two years ago, we will register more people during the final 8 or 10 days than during all the time prior to that. We are now set to do this and I'm encouraged.

Congratulations to you for your victory in the Beckwith Case. Voter registration has not blurred your perception in law.

Sincerely,

Ozell

Ozell

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Encl.

VEP 4-32

THE ARKANSAS VOTER PROJECT

A Summary Report

The Arkansas Voter Project has Poll Tax Campaigns organized in 25 counties and has aided some four or five groups in counties where work is being done independently of AVP. Counties where AVP units have been formed are: Pulaski, Jefferson, St. Francis, Crittenden, Monroe, Woodruff, Chicot, Lincoln, Garland, Clark, Ouachita, Drew, Bradley, Ashley, Miller, Hempstead, Conway, Faulkner, Craighead, Phillips, Lee, Desha, Hot Springs, and Union.

Some 12,000 poll tax receipts have been sold through the efforts of more than 3,000 workers who have made approximately 35,000 contacts. All leaders of civic, social, political, fraternal and religious organizations are being urged to lend their influence and active support. Ministers from their pulpits are urging their parishioners to purchase a poll tax. In Pulaski County and in some seven or eight other counties, principals of schools and their teachers are sending reminders home by the children, along with poll tax application blanks to be filled out and returned to the school with the $1.00.

Letters, with a book of application blanks enclosed, were sent to all Worshipful Masters under the signature of Grand Master William R. Jones. Mr. Jones made an appeal to lodges under his jurisdiction for support of the Arkansas Voter Project's Campaign generally and specifically asked that the Worshipful Masters canvass their membership and see that all members and all adults of their respective households pay a poll tax. Negotiations are under way with two Bishops that they may send a similar letter to their presiding elders and ministers.

The Campaign methods are recorded below. The county organizations are using some or all of the methods listed, according to their local situation.

Church Division

One of the most important divisions of our Voter Registration Campaign is the Church Division. In some of our counties that are principally rural this is the division of major production. Ministers are contacted and asked to (1) call attention to the campaign and urge their members to pay their poll tax and (2) appoint a poll tax committee in their individual churches to receive applications and (3) set up poll tax booth in lobby of church where persons may pay their poll tax on their way in or out of church.

The Parent-Teacher Association Division

Through a system of room mothers and key patrons the PTA's are contacting school patrons and seeking to sell them a poll tax receipt. The children, in competition with children of other rooms, are selling poll tax applications among their neighbors.

Shopping Centers

Poll Tax booths are set up in shopping centers in the metropolitan areas. These booths are operating presently three days a week - Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays - and will operate six days per week during the last 10 or 12 days prior to the October 1 deadline. Booths are also set up at stadium entrances at football games. Radio Station KOKY is cooperating in announcing on the hour where these booths are located and urging people to pay their poll tax.

The Poll Tax March

The Poll Tax March is tentatively scheduled for September 29 or 30. Campaign chairmen in metropolitan areas are to sponsor a door-to-door canvass as a clean-up. Workers are now being recruited and assigned. This

division is designed to reach all persons not reached by other methods.

Drop Stations

Poll Tax application books are placed in Barber Shops, Beauty Shops, Cafes, etc.

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Director

September 14, 1964

Atty. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Enclosed is the report for the week ending September 12, 1964, as well as samples of campaign circulars indicated on check No. 0040 dated August 31, 1964.

Sincerely,

Ozell

Ozell

Encls.

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4-32

September 16, 1964

Mr. Oneil Sutton
Arkansas Voter Project
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Re VEP 4-32

In accordance with the terms of our tax exempt status, the Internal Revenue Service regulations require us to have in our files a copy, or sample, of every printed promotional item paid for with VEP money. Would you, therefore, send us a sample of the circulars for which you paid $205.08 to the Union Printing Company, on August 31, 1964, with your check #0040.

Rec'd 9/15 See

I might take this occasion also to remind you that we will need supporting explanations, as soon as you have them, for the petty cash allotments to the various counties. For instance, check #0034 was for petty cash in the amount of $25.00 to Z.W. Watson for Crittenden County, and check #0037, petty cash in the amount of $25.00 to J. E. Powe for Monroe County.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Joan Levine
Fiscal Assistant

4-32

September 18, 1964

Mrs. J. W. Simmons
Arkansas Voter Project
1304-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Mrs. Simmons:

As per your request by phone on Thursday, September 17, 1964, I am sending you the ledger sheets.

I wish you and the rest of the staff continuing success in your voter registration drive. Please give your co-workers my best regards.

Please feel free to call on me when I can be of service.

Very truly yours,

Joe Louis Tucker
Field Representative

JT:bs

encl: Ledger sheets (12)

September 18, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton, Director
Arkansas Voter Project
1304-B Wright Avenue, N.W.
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

I enclose herein our VEP check in the amount of $2,000, representing payment on the above grant. We note that there is a balance due on your grant for the sum of $5,000, and we will send additional funds when your progress and financial reports show need for same.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

encl: $2,000 check

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Director

Sept. 19, 1964

SEP 23 1964

Dear Mrs. Levene

Just a "quickie" to respond to your letter of September 16. Samples & circulars paid for by check 0040 have been forwarded to VEP twice but I suppose they never reached you. They are here enclosed.

All checks for Petty Cash will be accounted for by Voucher, but cannot until the full amount has been either used by the County units or returned to this office.

Sincerely

Ozell Sutton

4-32

SEP 22 1964

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ARKANSAS VOTER PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project Ark. Voter Project

1304 B Wright Ave L.R. Pulaski
Street Address City County

Person Reporting Gill Sutton Date Sept. 19, 1964

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 10,000

Number contacted by other means 35,000

a. Specify means Booths in Shopping Centers, Churches, Fairs and other Public places

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons registered since start 16,000

Number of workers in campaign 3,000

Remarks The No. of new voters is estimated to be 8,000 at present. Increase, however, is our major concern for we know that we could have 8,000 new voters and fail to re-register all of those ~~reg~~ registered last year and fail to increase the Negro's voting strength.

Our campaign is going very well and we are expecting a sizable increase by Oct. 1.

Sutton

VEP 4-32

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September 28, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Arkansas Voter Project
1304-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

I understand that a few of the people who have been active in the VEP registration program in Arkansas have announced as candidates as individuals in the November general election.

I am of the opinion that any such persons who are active candidates should no longer serve as chairmen, or in a leadership position in our non-partisan effort, and I request that you take steps immediately to see to it that such persons are no longer serving, and advise me as to the action taken.

I specifically have reference to Mr. Bagsby in Pine Bluff, and Rev. Bowe in Brinkley. On a trip to Pine Bluff last week, I saw a poll tax table in front of Bagsby's drug store displaying literature regarding the campaign of Mrs. Ethel Dawson for membership on the Pine Bluff school board. If the young man in charge of that table was receiving funds from VEP, then this was an expressed violation of our grant, but if it was purely a volunteer effort which did not involve VEP funds in any way whatsoever, then, of course, there was nothing wrong with it. Please check into this also, and let me know what the facts are.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

WB
JM

Arkansas Voter Project

OCT 7 1964

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OZELL SUTTON
Director

October 2, 1964

Attorney Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

In reply to your letter of September 28, I wish to state that none of our leaders in the Arkansas Voter Project are candidates for public office. Dr. Bagsby (Pine Bluff) and Rev. Bowe (Brinkley) were replaced as chairmen in their respective counties as soon as I learned of their intention to run for public office. Mr. Bagsby was replaced by Mr. Elijah Coleman, principal of Townsend Park School; and Mrs. Theresa Warren, a retired teacher, was made chairman of the Monroe County Campaign.

Because of Mr. Bagsby's intense interest in voter registration, he operated a booth in front of his store independently of our campaign. (I enclose a copy of my letter to him relative to his situation.)

I consider our campaign successful. We are now tabulating and trying to close out. You will receive a report early next week. We might need another $1,000 to pay all bills, but I'll have to wait for final expense reports from our county chairmen to be sure.

Sincerely,

Ozell

Ozell

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Encl.

VEP 4-32

August 26, 1964

Dr. J. A. Bagsby, Chairman
Jefferson County Voter Project
113 East 4th Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Bagsby:

I'm about to send Wiley's office the names and addresses of the chairmen of the county organizations. As I remember, Jefferson County is to elect another chairman inasmuch as you are to be a candidate for office. If you have selected a new Chairman, please send me his name and address presently. If this has not been done, will you take care of this as expeditiously as possible and forward the name and address to this office?

Hope things are going well for we are counting heavily on Jefferson County for a large increase in Negro registration.

Sincerely,

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October 6, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
1200-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

It is important that I receive a reply in writing to my letter to you of September 28, even though you had verbally informed me that Mr. Bagsby and others are no longer leaders in the registration campaign.

It is important that you review your financial obligations immediately and determine what additional funds, if any, you will need from VEP.

As rapidly as you can get results concerning the total registration by race from the various counties, I would appreciate you sending the same to us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

October 8, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Arkansas Voter Project
1304-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

In accordance with your telephone request yesterday afternoon, I enclose herein our VEP check in the amount of $1,000, which you feel is necessary to wind up your obligations in connection with your Arkansas poll tax campaign.

Please get all of your financial and progress reports into our office as soon as possible, as we are very anxious to know the results of your program. Any funds not needed for payment of bills incurred during your program should be refunded to VEP.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $1,000 check
cc: Financial

FINANCIAL COPY

12-12-64

November 10, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 9, together with additional financial accounting. You sent duplicate accounting, and I am returning a copy for you to retain in your files.

I think all of us have every reason to be proud of the increased registration in Arkansas and the turnout at the election.

You are authorized to retain $100 in your bank account for small bills that may still come in, and you may defer the final accounting on the $100 until December 10, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl.

4-32

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ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

1220 WEST CAPITOL
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
PHONE FR 4-4521

NOV 10 1964

November 9, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Wiley:

This is my final financial report and I know it's about time. You'll have to admit, though, I did save you money. The Arkansas Voter Project received $9,000 of a $13,000 grant from VEP. Final tabulations show that we spent $8,527.86 and have a balance on hand of $472.14. This is nearly $4,500 less than we estimated.

Our bank statements should show total deposits of $9,405. As you remember, the account was opened with $5.00 of my money and had deposited to it $200 borrowed from ACHR. Of course these funds were reimbursed but they show in the deposits. The other $200 were deposits on two telephone lines which were redeposited to the account.

Our registration efforts were tremendously successful. You will have the results early next week. We are having to contact counties individually to get the statistical increase. I need to retain $100 of the funds on hand for refunds for any number of persons who for some reason or another didn't get their poll tax receipts, secretarial work, materials, etc. connected with the final report. As soon as I have your answer on this I will send the balance of the money on hand.

Sincerely,

Ozell

Ozell Sutton

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FINANCIAL

October 22, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
1304-B Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

I have just received financial accounting from your office amounting to $848.41, and it appears that this leaves you with a little over $1,000 in your bank account.

I would like to close the books on the Arkansas project immediately, and I am asking that you refund to VEP the unused portion of the grant. You probably will need some secretarial assistance in getting the final report to us, and this will be understood, but there is no reason why most of this balance should not be refunded at this time.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

From the Desk of...
OZEEL SUTTON

~~Return to OB~~

Dec. 9, 1964

DEC 11 1964

Dear Riley

Forgive this note on a matter of such importance but Ruth is out and has been most of the last two weeks doing some survey work for the Civil Rights Commission. I received your letter today and decided to reply immediately.

Enclosed is a check for $327.14 refunding SEP for all but $100. of the funds left from the project. Records you have will support this. As I mentioned earlier the $100. will be used to pay bills incidental to county by county tabulation of qualified Negro voters. Please be assured that I am as anxious as you to finally pay

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1220 WEST CAPITOL
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

From the Desk of . . .
OZELL SUTTON

down the burden of this project for there are many other things demanding my attention. The report has not been forthcoming because many of the counties have not as yet published their Poll Books. Should you know anyway I can get this information before these books are ready I wish you would suggest it to me for Mr. Jimmy Jones doesn't have any figures yet and neither do the Democrats or Republicans.

Our County leaders are alerted and will call as soon and ~~report~~ as fast as these books are available. This too is what I call expense incidental to the report that must come from the $100.

Sincerely
Ozell

ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1220 WEST CAPITOL
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

WB

December 7, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Arkansas Voter Project
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

We have heard nothing further from you since your letter of November 9, other than your memo of November 20 in which you stated that you would send the VEP refund upon Dr. Townsend's return from Atlanta.

It is necessary that we close all of our accounts, and I therefore request that you immediately send any final financial accounting which you might have from your registration project, together with a full refund of the unspent portion of your grant.

We are seriously lacking in progress and statistical information in connection with your voter project, and I would hope that you can give us the information on this by December 22, although we shall expect the financial information sooner than that.

I spoke to Dr. King's office regarding your invitation for him to speak at your annual meeting, and while no final word was given me, I had the impression that he probably cannot fill a January engagement in Arkansas.

Sincerely yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

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November 10, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

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Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Encl.

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M E M O R A N D U M December 24, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-32
(Arkansas Voter Project)

Grant:		$9,000.00
Disbursements:		
Ad. Print. & Prom.	$695.79	
Fix. & Equip.	64.90	
Meals	90.17	
Office Rent	249.00	
Office Supplies	508.43	
Postage	299.60	
Salaries	4,483.49	
Tel. & Tel.	391.25	
Trav. & Trans.	1,881.49	
Bank Charges	8.74	8,672.86
		327.14
Refunded to VEP		327.14

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JD

January 25, 1965

Mr. Ozell Sutton
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-32

Dear Ozell:

Thank you for your letter of January 22, in which you included a report showing the results of the Arkansas Voter Project. We had estimated that there were 95,000 Negro voters in Arkansas, but we kept any such estimate on a conservative basis, and we were certainly pleased to learn from your report that this figure is approximately 105,000.

I again congratulate you and your co-workers for a very successful project.

You inquire as to what VEP can do in the effort toward permanent registration, but I am sorry to report that we have no plans for assistance at the moment. I thought we would wait and see what could be done for Negro registration during the crash program which will probably be conducted state-wide by various groups. Actually, we have terminated the grant-in-aid program, but I have always had in mind the problem in Arkansas following adoption of the amendment providing for permanent registration, and hope that we will be able to help in some way. I keep up with Arkansas newspapers, and will try to play it by ear as to what we might do. If you know of any special plans for registration, then by all means, let me know about them.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

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PHONE FR 4-4521

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January 22, 1965

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Wiley:

Enclosed is an analysis of the work of the Arkansas Voter Project. The tabulated increase in the 40 counties where a sizable number of Negroes reside is 22,118. The total increase of qualified Negro voters for all counties is estimated to be 25,000. There were approximately 105,000 Negroes eligible to vote in the 1964 Presidential election.

The campaign as a whole was tremendous. It was a rewarding and educational experience for me to direct this effort. My thanks to you for the opportunity.

A number of my leaders over the state have already inquired as to the nature of a campaign now that we have a permanent registration. What will VEP be able to do in this respect? For them I inquire, for I don't know if I would have the time to devote to another campaign. Could I have some word on this by Friday, January 29? Many of these key leaders will be here for ACHR's Annual Meeting January 29-30 and I want to be able to say what they can expect.

Sincerely,

Ozell

Ozell Sutton

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cc: Les Dunbar

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From the Desk of . . .
OZELL SUTTON

3/11/65 Rec'd 3/12/65

Dear Ed.

Just a "Quickie" to enclose a copy of our proposal to Wiley for funds with which to conduct a Registration Campaign. As you know, Ark. is in a unique position of having to ~~start~~ start from scratch in registration. S.E.P could be of tremendous help here if "if all" could find it possible to help.

The project could either be under ACHR direction or a united one.

Hope to hear from "if all" soon

Ozell

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March 10, 1965

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Wiley:

Enclosed is a proposal to the Voter Education Project for funds with which to conduct a registration campaign in Arkansas. ACHR realizes that the VEP program is scheduled for termination soon. The staff and board feel, however, that the Arkansas situation is unique and warrants special consideration. Thus we make the request hoping some funds are still available. Should there be some funds, we would appreciate favorable consideration of this application.

As you will note, we hope to conduct this campaign from the office of ACHR with some temporary employees. We will, however, solicit the support and cooperation of all groups as we did last year.

The budget request is larger than that of the last campaign because there are more undeterminables this time. We will have to get people to the court house this time. Also another ten counties will be included.

Sincerely,

Ozell

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A VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT PROPOSAL

to the

Voter Education Project
Atlanta, Georgia

A Proposal of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations to conduct a state-wide voter registration campaign. The Executive Board of ACHR would serve as the campaign's Steering Committee with Ozell Sutton, Associate Director of ACHR, serving as Director. ACHR is requesting a grant of $15,000.

Purpose

Arkansas, in the process of transition from the poll tax to permanent registration, at this moment does not have a single qualified voter. This means that the state will have to start from scratch in registration. This project will work primarily but not exclusively in aiding and encouraging minority group registration. Arkansas has approximately 192,000 Negroes of voting age. The objective of the Project is to qualify as many of these to vote as possible.

Method

The campaign directed by the Arkansas Council will cover a period of two months, probably May and June. It will use and expand primarily the same leadership discovered and developed during last year's successful voter registration drive. Campaigns will be initiated in approximately 45 counties where a sizeable number of Negroes reside. Each county will have its own chairman and steering committee.

Budget

Any budget for a project like this would necessarily be fluid for there are many unknowns and undeterminables. Those of us in Arkansas have no experience in permanent registration upon which to draw. ACHR is requesting from the Voter Education Project $15,000 with which to carry out the Project. The Council will in turn fund county organizations for the purpose of registration.

Funds granted to ACHR from VEP will be placed in a special account and will be disbursed to county units upon presentation of proper vouchers. $4,000 has been budgeted for operation of the state office which will service the county units with supplies, promotional materials, organizational aid, etc. Using this method the campaign

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will benefit from quantity buying. The other $11,000 will go in the form of grants to the approximately 45 county groups.

Budget Schedule

Salaries	$ 2,000
Office rent, telephone, etc.	400
Promotional materials	500
Travel	400
Supplies	150
Postage	200
Miscellaneous	350
Total for State Office	4,000
Grants to Counties	11,000
Total grant requested	$ 15,000

VIA AIR MAIL

March 22, 1965

Mr. Ozell Sutton
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Thank you for your letter received here today.

Unfortunately, both your proposal and your letter arrived after Mr. Branton had departed for Europe on a trip that will keep him away until April 4, and it will not be possible for him to consider your proposal until after that time. I am, however, holding your correspondence for his immediate attention when he is once again behind his desk, and you may look forward to his personal reply shortly after his return.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Janet C. Shortt
Secretary to Mr. Branton

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March 17, 1965

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Wiley:

Some days ago I submitted for your consideration a proposal requesting a Voter Registration grant. Since that time the Arkansas Conference of Branches, NAACP, has made known its plan to conduct a campaign. My concern, as you know, is that a comprehensive registration campaign is waged in Arkansas, not who conducts it. The plan I submitted is sound and based upon my experience in two previous campaigns. The need here at this time, of course, is without question. However, the campaign need not necessarily be directed by me.

I should hope that you will look with favor on a grant for Arkansas and that it need not be predicated upon my conducting the drive. I'm confident that leadership problems can be worked out with the NAACP and a unified campaign planned. My cooperation will be given to whoever is designated to lead.

In as much as time is of essence, I would appreciate early consideration of the proposal for a grant for Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Ozell Sutton

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March 23, 1965

Mrs. Daisy Bates
1207 West 28th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

Thank you for the information copy of your memorandum received here today.

Mr. Branton is in Europe, and will not return until April 4. I am, however, holding your correspondence for his attention upon his return.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Janet C. Shortt
Secretary to Mr. Branton

From:
1201 West 28th Street
Little Rock, Ark.

INFORMATION COPY

Via Air Mail

MEMORANDUM

MAR 23 1965

TO: Mr. Louis Martin

FROM: Daisy Bates

RE: Voter-Registration

The Voters of Arkansas approved a Bill in the November 1964 General Election setting up a permanent Registration System, which automatically abolished the annual poll tax requirement for voting in all future elections. The measure does not carry any literacy test or restrictions of any kind other than general requirements such as residence, tenure, age and name.

The 1965 legislators met in January and amended the law by adding, race, party and absentee registration to the forms.

The citizens protested and the law as amended is pending in the state supreme court.

It is the opinion here that all legal entanglements will be cleared by May 1.

In the meantime, a state-wide meeting was called by the NAACP and held March 11 to organize a Voter-Registration Campaign.

Over 40 leaders representing a cross-section of the state were in attendance. Mr. W. C. Patton, co-director for NAACP Voter-Registration was present and assisted in forming an organization to conduct a mammoth registration program.

Mr. R. S. Peters, Pulaski County clerk appeared before the group and explained the procedures under the new registration program. He has appointed and is training eight young women to work as deputy registrars in Pulaski County. Two of the eight are Negroes.

We are working pretty closely with the registrar's office here, We feel that we will be given cooperation. We are hoping that most

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county clerks will be considerate with us in our campaign.

The organization is NAACP based, but it will operate and be kept as non-partisan as possible. It will be called the Arkansas Crusade for Voters.

Plans are for a 60-day crash registration program starting May 1.

Officers elected are:

Reverend James Donald Rice, Chairman, Pastor Roanoke Baptist Church
737 Pleasant Street, Hot Springs, NA 3-6833

Reverend C. B. Knox, Co-Chairman, Pastor Collins Temple Baptist
1018 Ringo Street, Little Rock, FR 4-3190 or FR 4-0485

Mrs. Sarah W. Hale, Co-Chairman
118 East Mathis Street, Blytheville, PO 3-7353

Mrs. Irene P. McCullum, Secretary
2922 Ringo Street, Little Rock, FR 5-0542

Mrs. H. C. Mothershed, Asst. Secretary
1302 West 28th Street, Little Rock, FR 5-9709

Mrs. W. M. Honeycutt, Treasurer
1821 Booker Street, Little Rock, MO 6-1461

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Mr. Martin Gilkie, Chairman, Deputy Grand Master, AF&M (Ark.)
1310 Kelly Street, Malvern, ED 2-6008

Bishop G. N. Collins, 12th Episcopal District AME Church
2118 Cross Street, Little Rock, FR 2-2917

Dr. W. H. Townsend, President, Council on Community Affairs
1304 Wright Ave., Little Rock, FR 5-4514

Reverend E. L. Carter, Moderator Chicot Co. Dist. Bapt. Ass'n
P. O. Box 144, Eudora, EL 5-2695

Rev. Henry L. Parker, Vicar St. Phillips Episcopal Church
10th and Gaines Street, Little Rock, FR 4-3216

Mrs. Daisy Bates, Nat'l Board Member, NAACP
1207 West 28th Street, LittleRock, FR 4-7944

Mr. James Oliver, Exalted Ruler IBPOEW
218 Century Building, Little Rock, FR 5-5229

Mr. Ozell Sutton, Co-director, Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol Ave., LittleRock, FR 4-4521

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Mr. Lester Benford, Mortician
202 East First Street, Fordyce, 352-3298

Rev. W. T. Keys, Minister Carter Temple CME Church
901 Northwest Ave., El Dorado, UN 2-2304 or UN 2-1846

Mr. George I. Henry, Executive Director GLR Urban League
914 Gaines Street, Little Rock, FR 4-0349

Mr. Deellis Higgins, President Chicot Co. Civic League
Rt. 2, Box 64T, Eudora, EL 5-2135

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Dr. Jerry D. Jewell, Chairman, Dentist, President Ark. State NAACP
211 Century Building, Little Rock, FR 2-1924

Mr. James Oliver, Tailor: Dr. W. H. Townsend, Optometrist

Mr. Simon Kennedy, Planter Rt. 1, Box 33, Eudora, EL 5-4810

Legal Advisor:
Atty. Delector Tiller, 2305 Ringo St., Little Rock, FR 6-2132

Publicity:
L. C. Bates, 211 Century Building, Little Rock, FR 4-9461 or FR 4-7944

The 1964 Voter-Registration drive netted around 25,000 new voters to the State's eligible list. This campaign was financed by the Voter Education Project under the direction of Wiley Branton.

Mr. Ozell Sutton, Co-Director for the Arkansas Council on Human Relations worked in the campaign in 1964 and worked in the campaign to "Get Out The Vote for Johnson, Humphrey and Rockefeller." Rockefeller was opposing Governor Faubus for the governorship. This campaign was largely financed by Mr. Rockefeller.

The Republicans are conducting an intensive drive to organize the state into a two-party system. They have employed a very personable young Negro as a full time organizer. His name is Johnny Lang. He served with the Peace Corp for 18 months.

FINANCE:

The NAACP has agreed to put $2500 into the Voter-Registration campaign. However, it is the feeling of those who worked in campaigns before, that a minimum of $10,000 will be needed to do

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the job. The estimated Negro potential vote is 185 to 200,000.

In view of the committee's proposed 60-day campaign, it is imperative that the organization should start functioning as soon as possible.

There should be one central office, possibly in Little Rock and sub-offices in counties throughout the state where there is a large Negro potential.

The committee has requested that I be state director. I hope this can be arranged.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I would recommend that we get started around April 4, and that Booker be sent into the state and spend as much time during the 60-day campaign as possible. And if arrangements can be made for Ethel to be scheduled for a series of meetings.

In addition to finance, trained workers will be needed, because registration is new to the state and quite a contrast to the old system of paying a poll tax.

Mr. Earl Davis from COPE was in the city this week, and was of the opinion that we can get some assistance from COPE.

I am enclosing data on registration by population and counties for your information.

If you consider this request, we can prepare for you an estimated budget.

April 13, 1965

Mr. Ozell Sutton
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: Arkansas Voter Registration

Dear Ozell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 10, together with your proposal for a grant to conduct a two-month voter registration program on a state-wide basis in Arkansas. This will also confirm our telephone conversation of March 11, when I was in Washington on the day of my departure for Europe. I had thought I would only be gone for five days, but my trip was extended by the State Department to include several other countries, and I was gone for almost a month.

I have been keeping up with the status of the new voter registration law in Arkansas, and I thought that because of the law suit involving the printing contract for the forms and other delays that it now appears that it will be late June or possibly early July before registration will proceed under the new act.

The county clerk in Jefferson County has already worked out a crash program in cooperation with the League of Women Voters, and I understand that other counties have worked out plans for an intensive registration effort. VEP has nearly suspended all field operations, and we had not contemplated making any more grants after October, 1964. We have always been aware of the special problems in Arkansas, where no one is now registered to vote because of the new law, and we have always had the intention of trying to be of some assistance in getting people registered there under the new act. I am of the opinion, however, that we should not expend any funds in Arkansas until the state and county have conducted their own registration programs so as to allow for the normal registration which will take place without

any special effort. After this has taken place and we have had some opportunity to see what problems remain, then we would consider the possibility of some extra financial aid. It would seem to me that organizations, churches, and individuals should do what they can during the initial period to get as many people to go down and register, but that any special effort should be planned for at a later date. If you have any information which you think we have not considered in arriving at this decision, then by all means let me know at once.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton
The Rev. James Donald Rice
Mrs. Daisy Bates
bc: Mr. Louis Martin

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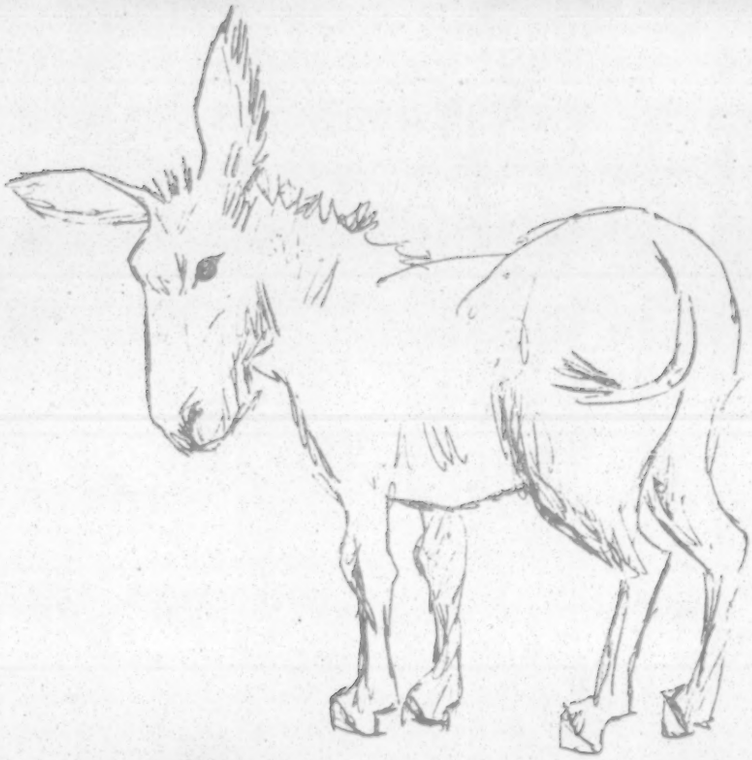

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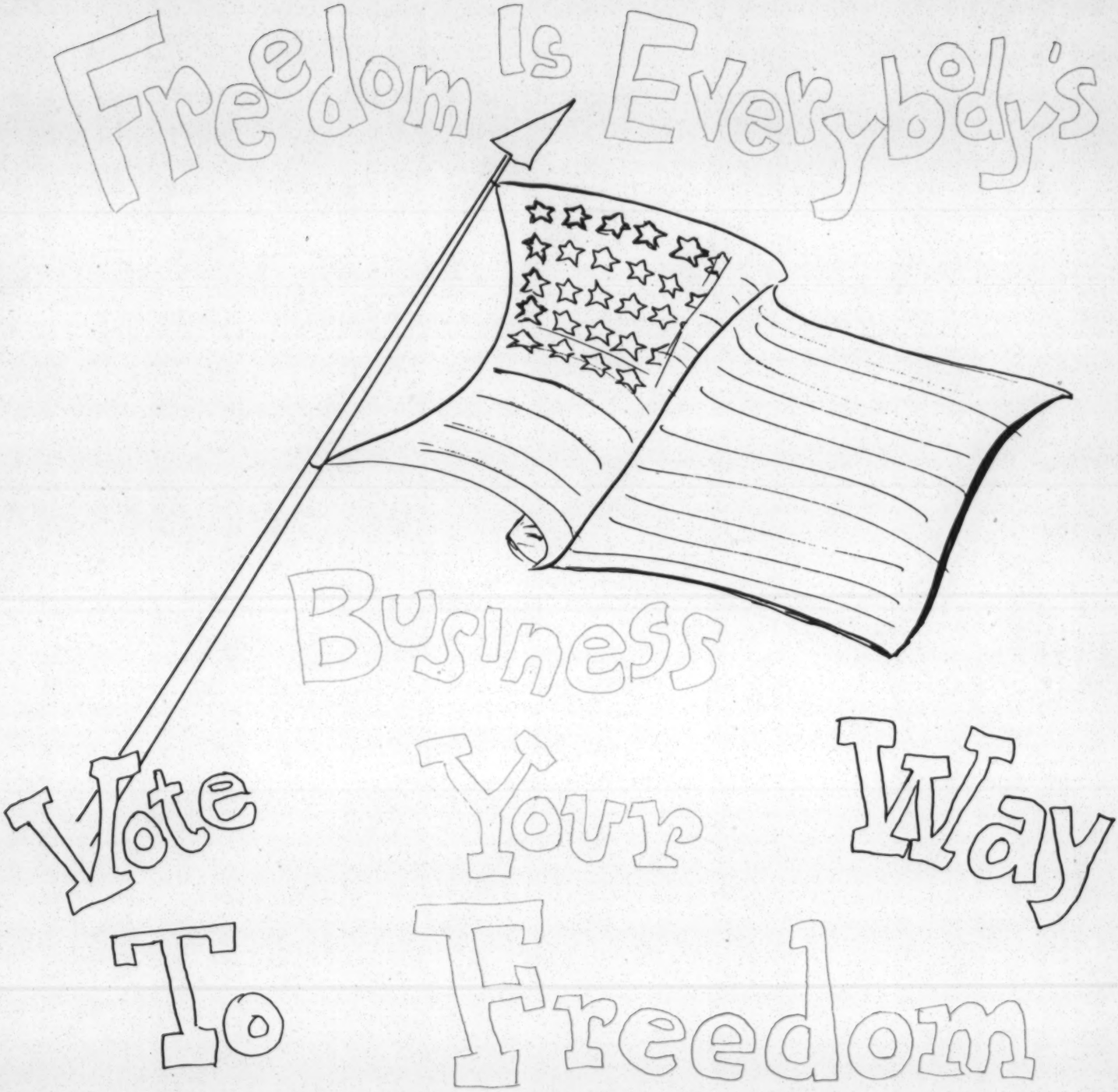

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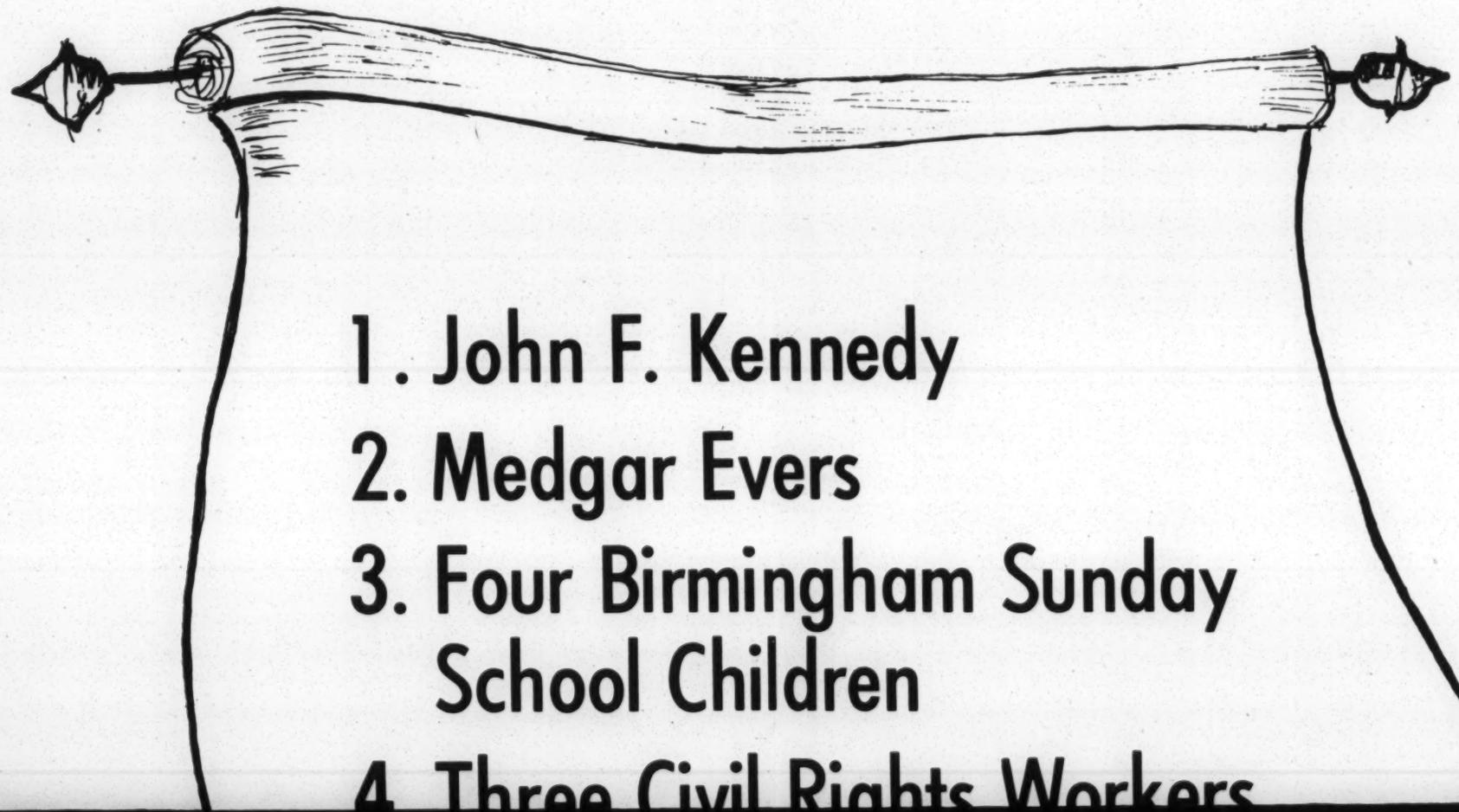

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They Gave Their LIVES .... Will You Give Your VOTE ?

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ARKANSAS DEMOCRATIC VOTERS ASS'N, INC.
2000 Pulaski Street
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

I. S. McClinton
President

A. M. Roberts, Jr.
Vice-President

R. J. Hicks
Executive Sect'

W. L. Jarrett
Treasurer

April 20, 1964

Dear Co-Worker:

As you know, this is an election year. The Democratic Primaries are to be held in July. Following the Primaries there will be a run off in many sections of the State. The general election is in November, and this is going to be interesting, also.

It is the duty of every State and County leader to furnish honorable and sincere leadership to the voting public of his community, and the State. We are planning to call a State meeting sometimes in May, but not later than the first week in June.

The purposes of this meeting are as follows:

(1) To study the new Registration Law, and to prepare the voters to meet all requirements as voting citizens.

(2) To name a screening committee to select the candidates for State office and make recommendations to our membership. We also recommend that this be done in each county by the local leadership.

(3) The election of officers for the next two years.

(4) We recommend that we began at once to raise money, and hire a full time paid executive to promote our organization through political education since our voting strength throughout the State has increased to nearly 85,000 votes. If this is done our strength will continue to grow, we should also revise our constitution to this end.

In the field of political Education, we will study complicated ballots, job opportunities, public accomodations, and means and methods accomplishing these benefits.

(5) I am asking all organizations to support the Civil rights as passed by the House of Representatives in Washington by sending letters and telegrams to Senators in Washington to get this legislation passed.

I am looking forward to each one of you attending this session. We will send you another correspondence stating the exact date and place of the meeting.

Please, let me hear from you by return mail. Any suggestions or recommendations that will contribute to the success of this program, and the future of this organization will be appreciated.

Very truly ~~yours~~,

I. S. McClinton

I. S. McClinton
President
Arkansas D. V. Ass'n, Inc.

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Arkansas VEP

May 25, 1964

2000 Pulaski

TO: Arkansas Leadership
FROM: I. S. McClinton, President Arkansas Democratic Voters Association
SUBJECT: Democratic Primary and State Meeting

Dear Leaders:

As you know we are approaching a very important Primary election on July 28th. The run-off is schedule for August 11, 1964. If there is going to be any contest at all in the primary from the State level, it will have to develop and it could do so. There will also be some run-off contest in some County elections. What happens in the State will depend upon how the State contenders get of the ground.

I have polled by telephone about fifteen or eighteen County leaders in several Counties, and upon their suggestions we are calling a state meeting on Saturday June 13, 1964 at 10:30 A. M. at the Dunbar Community Center 16th and Chester Streets Little Rock, Arkansas. Each County should prepare to have at least five delegates to attend this session.

The tentative program will be as follows:

A work shop or panel discussion on the following subjects:

1. Voter registration
2. Equal job opportunities
3. Citizenship responsibilities
4. Christian responsibility to government
5. The President's Report
6. A brief address - the person to be selected
7. Committee Reports.

Membership dues are $1.00 per person. Each County will be expected to pay $10.00 dollars as provided by the consitiution in all State meetings. This money is to pay the cost of the meeting.

We will recommend that the necessary changes be made in the constitution to raise money to hire and pay a full time Executive to further our political and educational growth among our people in the State. We shall also recommend that a young Democratic Club be formed so the youth can become an intricate part of the Association so we can share each other's interest and understanding.

We will have a lunch period. We will also elect officers for the next two years.

We are looking forward to having you present so there can be a oneness of purpose in our performance this summer.

Sincerely yours,

ISMcClinton

I. S. McClinton

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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
PHONE FR 4-4521

May 26, 1964

MAY 28 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Wiley:

I will be in Atlanta attending staff meeting June 17-19 at which time I would like to discuss with you a voter registration project for Arkansas. Should you plan not to be in during that time please advise me so that I might submit a written proposal.

I am deliberately avoiding a written proposal at this time because I want to discuss several plans and seek your judgement as to which is best.

My best to Blackwell. He did a tremendous job for us here in the workshop. We hope to utilize our workshop contacts in the registration campaign.

Sincerely,

Ozell

Ozell Sutton

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June 4, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Arkansas Council on Human
Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Sutton:

I am scheduled to be in Washington on June 16, and will be speaking in Fort Worth on the night of the 18th, but plan to return to Atlanta on the night of the 16th and leave for Fort Worth around noon on the 18th.

Paul Anthony has asked me to speak to the state directors at 3:30 p. m. on the 17th, and I am sure that you and I could get together either before that time or on the afternoon of the 17th.

I note that I. S. McClinton has called a meeting for Saturday the 13th, and perhaps it would be good for you to get the names and addresses of the people who will be in attendance at his meeting for future use.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Ark. Statewide

From the Desk of...
OZELL SUTTON

6/29/64 K & Charles

JUN 30 1964

Dear Wiley,

Enclosed is a list of persons to be invited to a meeting on Voter Registration. Forgive the long hand but Ruth is in D.C. and we have no Sec. for this weekend & didn't want to delay any longer.

You should of course add any names you want. You will know some additional people among the Moslem groups.

I hope this list is what you had in mind. I understood you to want a small group of leaders first and then ~~expand~~ expand it.

I do think the meeting should be set as soon as possible.

Ozell

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SENT TO FIRST 25 JULY 8, 1964

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

Dear Fellow Arkansan:

I left my law practice at Pine Bluff more than two years ago to come to Atlanta to direct a South-wide voter registration program. Since that time, we have added more than 600,000 new voters to the rolls, and Negro registration now stands at more than 2,000,000 in the eleven southern states.

Because our state has a poll tax in lieu of a registration system, we have not had much of a program in Arkansas up to this time. But we are now in the final year of our program, and I would hate to see the VEP end without some meaningful program having been conducted in my own state.

We have decided to launch, with your approval and cooperation, a massive statewide poll tax campaign, and we are prepared to make a financial grant to assist in this special project. We would like for you to have a hand in helping us run this program. I therefore invite you to meet in a planning session with other leaders. The meeting will be held in air-conditioned comfort at the following time and place:

DUNBAR COMMUNITY CENTER
16TH AND CHESTER STREETS
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1964
2:30 P. M.

Will you do me the personal favor of coming to this meeting and helping plan this program? If there is some key person in your area who should be present but who may not have been invited, please feel free to ask them to come. I would prefer that no publicity be given to the press concerning this initial planning session.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
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Room 206
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Dear Mr. Branton,

I am sorry I can not attend the meeting July 16, but I am sending your letter to our six vice President Mrs. Allean Jones. If our association can be of any service please feel free to call on us.

Yours for Service

Mrs Roberta Jackson

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Norman, Oklahoma
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Atty Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Atty Branton:

Thanks for the invitation to your meeting on Voter Registration in our state. I would be happy to attend this meeting but I am in school at the University of Oklahoma and the drive would be just a bit too much.

I do hope this meeting will be a success, because I've always had the feeling that his is one area that we do our best work in our state.

I will be happy to do anything I can to be of service when I return to the state on the first of August.

Please give my regards to the family.

Yours sincerely,

Elijah Coleman

Elijah Coleman

Ask voter Reg

ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

1220 WEST CAPITOL
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.
PHONE FR 4-4521

July 21, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Wiley:

Enclosed is Mrs. Johnson's bill for the food served at our meeting at the Center. You may send her check to me or directly to her. Note her address on the bill.

We have established our account at the First National Bank under the name - The Arkansas Voter Project. The account number is 4-03938-6. It now awaits your preliminary grant.

The Steering Committee will meet Thursday, July 23, at which time we hope to adopt a budget to be forwarded to you. We probably will be headquartered in the Professional Service Building at 1304 Wright Avenue. Fiscal arrangements have not as yet been made so you should communicate with me at the Arkansas Council until further notice.

I began work on the Voter Project Monday on a half-time basis and can start full time August 3, at a salary rate of $700 per month unless of course you want to pay me more.

Have your office to send me all the materials you have on voter registration that can be used to advertise and promote our work here. Also additional copies of Population and Registration Data on Selected Arkansas Counties. I want these materials as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Ozell

Ozell Sutton

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From the Desk...
OZELL SUTTON

July 22, 1964

Dear Riley

Enclosed is a blank check from our Temporary Check Book. Note the No. on the lower left is the Bank's Electronic No. and the one on the right is our account No. that you already have.

The Account has now been opened with $5.88.

Sincerely
Ozell Sutton

Ark Voter Reg

ARKANSAS
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1220 WEST CAPITOL
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

July 23, 1964

Mrs. Lois Jordan Johnson
1113 Park Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

I enclose herein our check in the amount of $46.51, representing payment in full of your bill for food served at the Voter Registration Meeting at the Dunbar Community Center on July 16 at the request of Mr. Ozell Sutton.

We appreciate your cooperation in serving us and everyone seemed to have enjoyed the food.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

cc: Mr. Ozell Sutton
Encl: $46.51 check

July 24, 1964

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ozell:

We received the blank check this morning and will place your order for 500 triplicate voucher checks today, and they should received back from the printers sometime next week and we will rush them to you immediately. Upon receipt of the voucher checks, we will make our preliminary grant of $1,000.

The salary rate of $700* per month which you submitted is higher than what we would normally approve, but because of our interest in getting someone of your qualifications to run this program on a full-time basis in a crash program such as this, we have approved the salary arrangement. The amount of actual time which you will spend with the project should be determined by you and the executive committee based upon the above rate, and your salary should be paid from the proceeds from the grant which we make to the Arkansas Voter Project.

I am enclosing a complete set of financial instructions so that you will know how the voucher checks are to be used. We will require complete information regarding your poll tax campaign in each of the counties where you will be working, and you, of course, should include the names and addresses of the key people working with your program. At the conclusion of the program, we would like a narrative report from each county describing how they went about conducting their program, and a description of any special features which they might have adopted. We will also want accurate information regarding the number of persons paying poll tax through this VEP program, and it would be good to know if the individual paid a poll tax in 1963. This would enable us to get some idea of the actual increase in Negro registration, because

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people paying their poll tax through the VEP program who would normally pay their tax in any event do not reflect an increase as such. You probably should prepare some reporting forms for the counties to make a report to you weekly, showing the number of persons paying their poll tax through the VEP program and how many are new poll tax payers.

I am sending you, under separate cover, some additional copies of Population and Registration Data on Selected Arkansas Counties as you requested. There will also be included some sample materials used by the VOTE program in Texas. There is an interesting Project Director's Guide which could serve as an outline for a similar guide in Arkansas since Arkansas and Texas have the same kind of poll tax registration procedure. You obviously do not have the time this year for the long-range planning which went into the Texas program, but I am sure you will find some of the ideas of value. There will be included a booklet entitled, " "Register and Vote," which is a guide on how to conduct a non-partisan registration and vote drive in communities. If you feel that you would like additional copies, they may be ordered from the American Heritage Foundation, 11 W. 42nd St., New York, New York 10036. The cost will be $.45 each for from 4-24 copies, and $.40 each for from 25-99 copies.

You may want to order some bumper stickers which read, "Pay Your Poll Tax," and I would suggest that you get a price there in Little Rock. I understand from Mr. W. C. Patton that they can be purchased from Art Display Service, 1025 Brush Street, Detroit, Michigan, at a cost of $85.00 per thousand in lots of 5,000 or more. Of course, 5000 would be the maximum you would need under any circumstance, and I question whether you would need that many. I will see if I can get a price quotation here in Atlanta. Let me remind you to check with COPE to see whether they can supply you with any materials, and you should try to get some materials into the hands of M. J. Carruth prior to the Grand Lodge which meets on August 2.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Dr. William Townsend

*Since dictating the above letter, I have talked with you on the phone, and we have agreed that your monthly salary on a full-time basis should not exceed $500.

COUNTY	1963	1964	INCREASE	%INC.
Arkansas	1,271	1,286	15	1%
Ashley	1,650	1,674	24	1%
Bradley	1,059	1,130	71	7%
Chicot	2,919	3,142	223	8%
Clark	1,095	1,201	106	10%
Columbia	1,509	2,098	589	39%
Conway	1,321	1,489	168	13%
Craighead	301	462	161	54%
Crittenden	1,777	3,420	1,643	92%
Cross	611	1,012	401	66%
Dallas	1,004	1,093	89	9%
Desha	2,445	2,646	201	8%
Drew	1,190	1,263	173	15%
Faulknew	560	616	56	10%
Garland	2,317	2,964	647	28%
Hempstead	1,581	1,838	257	16%
Hot Spring	720	864	144	20%
Howard	621	687	65	10%
Jackson	1,031	1,142	111	11%
Jefferson	7,733	9,823	2,090	27%
Lafayette	1,022	1,056	34	3%
Lee	1,434	2,244	810	56%
Lincoln	1,541	1,764	223	14%
Little River	781	863	82	10%
Lonoke	918	1,004	86	9%
Miller	1,848	2,412	564	31%
Mississippi	3,134	4,382	1,248	40%
Monroe	1,281	1,761	480	37%
Nevada	1,047	1,179	132	13%
Ouachita	3,298	5,958	2,660	81%
Phillips	3,963	5,637	1,674	42%
Poinsett	337	380*	43	13%
Prairie	429	610	181	42%
Pulaski*	12,960	17,378	4,418	35%
St. Francis	2,920	3,467	547	19%
Saline	388	481	93	24%
Sebastian	750	900	150	20%
Union	2,799	3,773	974	35%
Woodruff	1,083	1,510	427	39%
Crawford	154	210	56	36%
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Negro Registration Data
Selected Arkansas Counties

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The Language of Human Relations

BY OZELL SUTTON

It has never been so urgent for Americans to guard their speech about various religious, racial, and ethnic groups. Too often we give offense in our speech when we intend no ill-will. A conscious bigot uses all sorts of approbrious expressions and does so deliberately. But many fair minded people of good will are unconsciously offensive. The latter is the group about which we are concerned. To hurt others by careless and unthinking remarks is one of the practices every civilized person seeks to overcome. Good human relations simply means good relating to humans.

AVOID THESE SLURS

People who are chock full of animosity continue to use ugly substitutes like "papist" for Catholic, "Kike" for Jew, "greaser" for Mexican, "nigger" for Negro, "paddy" or "cracker" for Caucasian, "dago" for Italian.

The word Negro often is a tongue twister for those who are inexperienced in intergroup relations. A tip from the Fort Smith Council on Human Relations: Rhyme "Negro" with "hero" and you won't go wrong.

IDIOMS TO AVOID

A treacherous heritage of prejudice is often found in such objectionable phrases as "Indian giver", "Chinaman's chance", "That's the Scotch in Him", "Jew him down" "nigger rich" or "nigger in the wood pile".

REFINED SLURS TO AVOID

In addition to vulgar words of contemptuous slang there are expressions which can be called sophisticated slurs. These too are to be avoided. For example, in speaking to or about Negroes, the word "blacks" is entirely unwarranted. Insiduous emphasis on breeding by use of terms with overtones such as "pedigree", "mongrel" and "half-breed" is never in good taste.

Sexual differentiations in labels are absolutely taboo for the intelligent. Nouns like "Jewess" and "Negress" are never to be used. Such distinctions of gender should not occur in English except in reference to poultry or cattle.

INSULTING TERMS

Terms that generalize and stereotype a group of people, unfairly characterizing each individual in that group, are especially harmful. Minorities are never to be referred to as "they". "They want this" or "They want that" implies an isolated group of people, all of whom like or dislike the same things. There are just as many diverse interests among minorities as there are among the majority group. Similarly, bad usage in the racial prounoun: "you people", "your people" or "my people". "You boys" or just "boy" to a man of a minority group is also detestable. Exceptions exist, of course, among close personal friends.

Likewise, jokes and jests which picture any racial, religious or ethnic group in a derogatory fashion are never to be used, neither in or out of the presence of its members.

SKIP SELECTIVE TRIBUTES

The selective tribute is also out of taste. Negro athletes deserve praise as individuals, not as representatives of their race. Joe Lewis was no more a "credit to his race" than was Jack Dempsey to his. This "credit to your race" phrase is at best a thorny bouquet. The speaker who refers to Marian Anderson as a "credit to her race" would never say the same of Lily Pons or Marjorie Lawrence.

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POPULATION AND REGISTRATION DATA ON SELECTED ARKANSAS COUNTIES

COUNTY:	VAP	WVAP	NVAP	%N TOT VAP		TOT REG	W REG	N REG	%N TOT REG	%N VAP REG	#W UN-REG	#N UN-REG
Arkansas	13,398	10,589	2,809	20.9	18	8,587	7,316	1,271	14.8	45.2	2,002	1,538
Ashley	13,270	9,012	4,258	32.0	12	8,472	6,822*	1,650*	19.4	38.7	2,190	2,608
Bradley	8,209	5,837	2,372	28.8	22	5,382	4,323	1,059	19.6	44.6	1,514	1,313
Chicot	10,372	4,817	5,555	53.5	16	6,832	3,913	2,919	42.7	52.5	904	2,636
Clark	12,144	9,419	2,725	22.4	20	7,143	6,048	1,095	15.3	40.1	3,371	1,630
Columbia	15,454	10,646	4,808	31.1	15	8,416	6,907	1,509	17.9	31.3	3,739	3,299
Craighead	26,928	26,047	881	3.2		115,320	15,019	301	~~19.0~~ 1.9	34.1	11,028	580
Crittenden	23,440	10,569	12,871	54.9	11	9,076	7,299	1,777	19.5	13.8	3,270	11,094
Cross	10,248	7,608	2,640	25.7		5,259	4,648	611	11.6	23.1	2,960	2,029
Dallas	6,171	4,122	2,049	33.2		4,280	3,276	1,004	23.4	48.9	846	1,045
Desha	10,905	6,103	4,802	44.0	9	7,115	4,670	2,445	34.3	50.9	1,433	2,357
Drew	8,432	5,926	2,506	29.7	19	5,177	3,987	1,190	22.9	47.4	1,939	1,316
Faulkner	14,096	12,850	1,246	8.8		11,291	10,731*	560*	4.9	44.9	2,119	686
Garland	30,775	27,811	2,964	9.6	8	21,812	19,495	2,317	10.6	78.1	8,316	647
Hampstead	12,050	8,333	3,717	30.8	13	7,551	5,970	1,581	20.9	42.5	2,363	2,136

County:	VAP	WVAP	NVAP	%N TOT VAP		TOT REG	W REG	N REG	%N TOT REG	%N VAP REG	#W UN-REG	#N UN-REG
Hot Spring	12,851	11,267	1,584	12.3		8,830	8,110*	720*	8.1	45.4	3,157	864
Howard	6,877	5,667	1,210	17.5		4,604	3,983	621	13.4	51.3	1,684	589
Jackson	12,853	11,117	1,736	13.5		8,388	7,357	1,031	12.2	59.3	3,760	705
Jefferson	44,789	27,284	17,505	39.0	2	25,195	17,462	7,733	30.6	44.1	9,822	9,772
Lafayette	6,286	3,839	2,447	38.9		3,787	2,756	1,031	27.2	42.1	1,083	1,416
Lee	10,502	4,545	5,957	56.7	16	4,226	2,792	1,434	33.9	24.0	1,753	4,523
Lincoln	8,198	4,619	3,579	43.6	14	4,655	3,114	1,541	33.1	43.0	1,505	2,038
Little River	5,338	3,923	1,415	26.5		4,077	3,296	781	19.1	55.1	627	634
Lonoke	13,639	11,121	2,518	18.4		8,792	7,874	918	10.4	36.4	3,247	1,600
Miller	18,617	14,327	4,290	23.0	10	11,138	9,290	1,848	16.5	43.0	5,037	2,442
Mississi-ppi	36,377	26,739	9,638	26.4	5	15,500	12,366	3,134	20.2	32.5	14,373	6,504
Monroe	9,015	5,101	3,914	43.4	17	5,009	3,728	1,281	25.5	32.7	1,373	2,633
Nevada	6,559	4,619	1,940	29.5		4,407	3,360	1,047	23.7	53.9	1,259	893
Ouachita	18,184	12,021	6,163	33.8	4	12,054	8,756	3,298	27.3	53.5	3,265	2,865
Phillips	22,639	10,431	12,208	53.9	3	10,344	6,381	3,963	38.3	32.4	4,050	8,245
Poinsett	16,082	14,636	1,446	8.9		9,242	8,905	337	3.6	23.3	5,731	1,109

County:	VAP	WVAP	NVAP	%N TOT VAP		TOT REG	W REG	N REG	%N TOT REG	%N VAP REG	#W UN-REG	#N UN-REG
Prairie	6,117	5,179	938	15.3		4,157	3,728*	429*	10.3	45.7	1,451	509
Pulaski	146,633	118,811	27,822	18.9	1	80,878	67,918	12,960	16.0	46.5	50,893	14,862
St. Francis	16,366	7,963	8,403	51.3	6	8,533	5,613	2,920	34.2	34.7	2,350	5,483
Saline	18,330	16,990	1,340	7.3		10,563	10,175	388	3.6	28.9	6,815	952
Sebastian	40,665	38,180	2,485	6.1		24,105	23,355*	750*	3.1	30.1	14,825	1,735
Union	29,315	21,725	7,590	25.8	8	17,932	15,133	2,799	15.6	36.8	6,592	4,791
Woodruff	7,488	4,836	2,652	35.4	21	4,611	3,528	1,083	23.4	40.8	1,308	1,569

Legend:

VAP - Voting Age Population

* - Represents estimates only.

Population figures were obtained from 1960 Census reports.

Registration figures were obtained from the official release prepared by the State Auditor.

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July 14, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Branton:

I am submitting a budget to be considered for Petersburg, Virginia and vicinity. (Vicinity includes Ettrick where Virginia State College is located.)

We plan to conduct a Voter Registration drive in August and September and a Voter Education drive in October.

There are 3,000 Negroes who are registered and we hope to increase this figure by 1500. The methods by which we hope to use effectively are door-to-door canvassing, the use of ply cards bearing slogans to stimulate Negroes to register, short commercials at the movies and on radio, beer busters, kool-ade and coffee hours to reach the non-registered, and conducting voter registration workshops to teach people how to register.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Yours for the cause,

Herbert V. Coulton

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BUDGET (three-month period)

I Materials.....$500.00

A. Posters

B. Paints and brushes

C. Mimeo paper

D. Stencils

E. Rental of extra typewriter

F. Pencils and pens (ball point)

G. Stationery

H. Postage

I. Unforseen things

II Extra office help (for filing and typing)..300.00 (25.00 per week)

III Rental.....-.....120.00 (inc. light bill)

IV Telephone and extensions (2).....150.00

V General Expenses.....500.00

A. Gas (for car pool)

B. Baby sitters

C. Hospitality (refreshments, etc. for non-voters to get them out to meetings and workshops)

D. Donations to students and/or adults in appreciation for work done (morale booster)

E. Printed materials.....200.00

F. Radio and movie time (if needed).....150.00

G. Repairs on typewriter and mimeograph machine.....100.00

Total $2,020.00

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert V. Coulton

Herbert V. Coulton, Chairman
League of United Voters

August 5, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
SCLC
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: VEP 4-33

Dear Andy:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of August 4 in which I stated that VEP would make a grant in support of your Petersburg, Virginia, and vicinity registration and education program.

In Herbert Coulton's letter of July 14, 1964, he requested the sum of $2,020 in support of a three-month program in which it was planned that registration activity would take place during August and September, and a voter education program during the month of October.

We are pleased that VEP can approve a grant for the three-month program in the total amount of $2,000, and we enclose our check for that amount, representing payment in full of the grant.

We consider your program as running from August 3 through October 31, 1964. I am asking Mr. Coulton, by copy hereof, to let us know the exact area he will be working in when he says Petersburg and "vicinity."

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $2,000 check
cc: Mr. Herbert Coulton

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VOTER REGISTRATION IN JULY

Most of July was spent in conducting workshops in Voter Education and Voter Registration in Petersburg and setting up organizational meetings in several counties in the 4th Congressional district.

Consideration for more hours at the registration office is being given by the council, which in several meetings I had with them, they stated that this matter was out of their hands and they had no power upon which to act. (The hours are now 12-3P.M.) This would really be a step forward if additional hours could be granted so that persons who work and can not get to the office during the present hours would have a chance to register.

After the June 23rd election in Petersburg when a Negro was elected to the city council, the people for the first time really saw what their vote could do. Naturally the interest was high and we had to capitalize on this interest to further increase the number of Negroes voters.

A meeting was held and 97 persons showed up. I discussed the importance of their presence and the fact that we have tasted victory for the first time and that this is not enough because there are still too many Negroes who are not registered. Refreshments were served afterwhich workshops were held on how to fill out the registration form correctly. This seemed to

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be quite helpful and effective. Many persons wanted to help but many just didn't know what to do. Knowing how to fill out the form is a must. __ Then and only then can you teach others to fill out the forms.

These sessions were attended by adults and students. Sometimes we would get "carried away" and stay there for 5 and 6 hours - discussing persons we know who cannot read, write or count and things we can do to help these people. The welfare, public schools, recreation and city jobs were discussed.

I feel that every minute was helpful and nothing beats teamwork. Most of these people are now able to go out and help Negroes help themselves.

Because of the mild sucess in Petersburg, the surrounding counties (Sussex, Greenville, Brunswick, Prince George, Dinwiddie and the city of Hopewell) have requested my services in helping them to organize. I have visited all of the above named places and some organizational structure has been set up. There's still a lot to be done in these counties but the interest is higher than it has been in a long time.

Atty. Samuel Tucker is running for congressman in the 4th congressional district. He will try to unseat Watkins Abbitts, a white man who opposes everything that we as Negroes stand for including the Civil Rights Bill. This will not be an easy task. Many of the Negroes in the counties are sharecroppers and are afraid to express their concern and some have been told "not to bother with that mess."

Registration forms must be studied and workshops must be held to prepare the people. In many cases the registration office is open once a month, twice a month and once a week. The hours vary from 8 hours on the day the office is open to 3 hours.

Last week 50 Negroes registered in Greenville county and the registrar

says that if 50 show up this Saturday he will have to extend his hours. We have encouraged them to send no less than 100 this Saturday and each Saturday whenever possible. Greenville's registration office is open only 4 hours once a week.

This contact with the counties will continue and I think increases in Negro registration is sure to come.

It is hoped that another drive can be started in August in Petersburg. This is surely one of the main keys that will open freedoms door — the vote.

Submitted by Hebner Houlton

The League of United Voters
of
Petersburg and Vicinity

presents this

Certificate of Appreciation and Completion

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for having successfully completed in a commendable manner, the necessary requirements of instruction in Voter Registration Education. Be it known that the recepient is qualified and adjudged as an instructor in the field of Voter Registration Education.

Dr. L. C. Johnson **Treasurer**	**David Gunter** **Chairman**
Herbert V. Coulton **Advisor-Instructor**	**(Mrs.) Ruth Cooley** **Secretary**

August 24, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Joe L. Tucker

Re: Field Trip to Virginia August 17-20, 1964
(Tidewater Section: Norfolk, Newport News, Portsmouth, & Suffolk.)

INTRODUCTION

After a local phone conversation Sunday, it was decided by WAB that I should make a field trip to Virginia. Monday about noon, after receiving instructions from WAB via long distance, the trip was underway.

Upon reaching Norfolk, WAB suggested I contact Arthur Freeman, director of the Tidewater Voter Registration Project, so that he may furnish me transportation, if possible, in the Tidewater area.

WAB asked that I find out what the TVRP was doing: what now is going on in voter registration in the area, and other routine questions necessary to get a complete picture of the workings of this project in and around Norfolk.

WAB asked me to contact J. Hugo Madison, talkewith him privately and see if the committee is agreeable to have Arthur T. Freeman continue as director.

While in Norfolk, WAB asked me to take along and give to Staige Blackford, a reporter for the Virginia Pilot, a copy of the Second Annual Report.

To see Mr. Young, editor of the Norfolk Journal and Guide, and ask him if, in his opinion, could Norfolk make use of additional money; ask why WAB hasn't heard from the board; ask Mr Young about a rumor WAB heard that there was some dissatisfaction with Freeman as director of the Tidewater Voter Registration Project.

Newport News, Virginia:

WAB asked me to contact Mrs. Worlenvte Bowning, executive secretary of the Peninsula Coordinating Committee, and talk with her about the program, and look at her records and methods of

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promoting voter registration in Newport News and other areas coverd by the FCC.

Portsmouth:

WAB asked me to contact David Muckle of the Central City Forum. Ask him to get Dr. Holly to send WAB the information so a grant can be made. Ask Mr. Muckle what are his thoughts about Moses Riddick - maybe extending his activing into this area, then an additional grant being made to him

Suffolk:

Contact Moses Riddick, check his program, see what he is doing, find out how many people he is getting registered at this time. Make him aware tactfully, that VEP isn't supposed to send him any more funds. Ask Mr. Riddick does he know what's been going on throughout the Fourth Congressional District in voter registration.

Petersburg, Virginia:

These instructions came to me via long distance from WAB through Janet Shortt:

WAB asked that I contact David Gunter in Petersburg and inquire into the activities of the Fourth Congressional District voter registration committee. Contact S. W. Tucker for further explanations on voter registration in the Fourth District. Talk with Herbert Coulton, SCLC director in Petersburg, check his program, methods used to register people, and some idea of voter registration activity in the Fourth District

Richmond, Virginia: WAB asked me to contact John Brooks, NAACP director in Richmond, and talk to him about the special project he is doing in connection with VEP.

NORFOLK, VIRGINIA: VEP 3-8

Freeman was able to furnish me with transportation in and around Norfolk.

Dr. Coopage is a TVRP board member, who wants to keep the voter drive going when VEP closes. They will have a meeting to discuss this matter Sat., August 22. Freeman plans to continue voter registration on a part-time basis. Freeman said the registrar's office wasn't open on Saturday, and it slowed up registration. The use of blank registration

registration sheets is a factor, too. The TVRP seems to be moving with no immediate problems, except a need for more funds. I told Freeman to submit a budget. He said he doesn't get a salary as county director, due to his own choice. The big thing in Norfolk at this time seems to be activity in winding up the loose ends of the student YWCA project. Freeman has duplicates of all the records and its his job, he says, to compile the material. A partial report is in to the VRP office, with the final report to follow. Freeman can't seem to get enough adult volunteer workers. He has plenty of young people, but lacks adult help. He admits that this is a problem. Freeman feels that the "best Goldwater" emphasis has helped his voter registration program immensely. Everybody wants to register, then vote against Goldwater.

I helped Freeman and Miss Gardner, director of the YWCA project, set up their press conference for Tuesday evening (see attached clip from the Virginia Pilot done by Staige Blackford) which gave a summary of the YWCA project and its accomplishments during its existence.

Mrs. Arthur Freeman, who is secretary of the TVRP, talked with me before Mr. Freeman arrived. She said the National Student YWCA sponsored a voter registration drive in Norfolk for five weeks. (June 19-August 14, 1964). In a two-week period, this group interspersed with Freeman's TVRP volunteers registered 2,564 people. The figure will probably be larger when all the statistics are compiled, and totaled Other organizations in Norfolk are active in voter registration. Earlier this summer, the Jaycees sponsored a voter drive. The TVRP has about 20 volunteer workers a week. A lot of people register and don't let the TVRP know about it. It was suggested that the office place a worker in the courthouse to record names and addresses of the people who have registered each day. The YWCA project was directed by Miss Rosetta Gardner of the National YWCA whose offices are in Atlanta at 41 Exchange Place.

Addresses:

Dr. Coopage (Dentist) - 706 Church Street, Norfolk, Virginia; Office - MA7-7821

Arthur Freeman, Director - Tidewater Voter Registration Project, 812 Wood Street, MA7-0655, office.

J. Hugo Madison: Mr. Madison feels fervently that the committee doesn't want Freeman as director any more. Madison said Freeman became engaged in partisan politics, and the people didn't like this at all. Madison gave me contact names: Dr. Brown in Nofrolk and Atty. Overton in Portsmouth.

*This emphasis was placed by other organizations running voter registration programs, Mr. Freeman indicated.

Dr. Brown is in accord with Madison, and further stated that, "The best thing to do is close the project, and start over again, because Atlanta VEP is just throwing away money." Madison thinks a directive should be made to suspend expenditures of funds. Everything another organization does to register people, Freeman tries to claim the credit, while he's not doing anything himself. The adult leadership in the community has refused to follow Freeman's leadership. Brown and Madison feel the program could be much more effective if it had another director. Madison gave me another contact name: Robert Hagens, treasurer of TVRP.

Hagans feels there is a lot of work to be done here in Norfolk, but the organization needs to be reorganized. He expressed the same dissatisfaction with Freeman, as did others I've talked to - namely Brown and Madison. (Note: the people I've talked to in Norfolk feel that Billy Robinson, a political science instructor at a small local college could get the job done. I understand he was co-chairman of TVRP, but never got a chance to run the project.) Hagens again interjected his opinion that the TVRP board had lost interest because of Freeman's activity in partisan politics.

Mr. Young of the Norfolk Journal and Guide, said he hasn't heard anything about Freeman. A friend, Winston Douglas, chairman of the board for TVRP has heard a few remarks. The board hasn't met in 3 or 4 months. Young can't really say until he knows more facts, whether more money is needed or not. He doesn't know how the present money was spent. The only dissatisfaction he's heard with Freeman was due to his influencial participating in a city council election campaign for a certain candidate. Young feels Freeman lacks the necessary ability to corral and lead adults. He is fine with young people. Young will write WAB after he talks with a few people, and let him know what's happening from a more enlightened point of view. Young said Billy Robinson has taken more or less a back seat, and left the pacject alone

Staige Blackford: As per WAB's instructions, a copy of the Second Annual Report was personally given to Staige.. and he seemed very happyyto receive it. Staige has plans to do a story on VEP, and tie-in the TVRP. He said he may be calling on us for help.

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Mrs. Norvleate Downing seems to have a productive program in process. She feels she is handicapped in voter registration in her area because: the registrar's office isn't open on Saturday nor at night, and the fact that regardless how many people they register before Oct 3 for federal elections, these same people will have to register again and pay poll tax to be eligible to vote in state and county elections.

Mrs. Downing is somewhat depressed because of these situations, but has girded herself to the task and is willing to give her best. The PCC recently conducted a "new money" contest. They sold chances at 10¢ each toward winning a new $100 bill. The PCC raised over $300 for their efforts. The PCC works in other areas besides voter registration. They are active in housing employment, and other weaknesses that exist in the community, and need organized group attention for their correction. VEP funds are kept strictly for voter registration and nothing else. Although it is not to be made known to the general public at this time, but Mrs. Downing told me of a vamancy that will occur for registrar in Newport News sometime in January, and she tentatively plans to run for that position. She said she had the backing of some other civic groups in Newport News.

PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA - CENTRAL CITY FORUM (Grant not completed as yet.)

David Muckle was out of town and could not be reached. J. Hugo Madison suggested I contact Atty. James Overton, who said the CCF wasn't doing much of anything right now because they are just getting reorganized under new leadership with Dr. James Holly as president. The CCF is the clearing house of the seven civic leagues in Portsmouth. The civic league directors make up the executive board of the CCF. Dr. Holly will send the information WAB requested , namely the financial information, so the grant procedure can be complete. WAB's question about Riddick seemingily is killed since the CCF is organizing and pointing ahead in the right direction. Dr. Holly said they would need more money, and I told him to submit a budget. I attended the final organizational meeting of the CCF. They are organized seemingly with good leadership, and can possibly promote voter registration. Dr. Holly predicts they will have at least 5,000 registrants on the books by October 3, 1964. Dr. Holly asked me to send him a copy of the Second Annual Report. Holly feels the potential is there among the people of Portsmouth to turn out in large numbers to register and vote. Holly didn't know the much about the background of VEP. I gave him a copy of the First Annual Report, and he is to receive the Second one when I get to the office. (Note: It has been mailed out.)

While in attendance at the CCF meeting, I was introduced to the people present, and made a few remarks about voter registration, along with suggestions here and there. A reporter from the Journal and Guide took a publicity shot (me included) to give the CCF a little publicity in the Norfolk Journal and Guide.

SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA - VEP 4-19

Monthly meeting of the Saratoga Civic League, reviewed two films, "Right Now!" and "Politics is My Business." I was introduced to the people present, and gave a few words of inspiration to them about voter registration. Riddick said our film was quite helpful in teaching

voter education. Riddick said there was some voter registration going on in Isle of Wight, and Southampton counties, respectively. Riddick seems to have a good program underway. He registered about 168 persons last week, and plans to take 200 persons to the registrar's office this Saturday, August 22, in a "March to Vote" demonstration. I spent five hours talking with Riddick about voter registration, eating fried chicken wings, and sipping Kentucky Gentleman.

While with Riddick, I met a Mrs. Lossiter, the only lady Justice of the Peace, regardless of color, in Virginia. She won over a white man her first time running in an election. She won mainly because Nansemond county is 95% Negro, and their votes helped.

VEP can expect a full report shortly with newspaper clippings, the total registered, and other pertinant facts, about the fine work I think these people are doing.

PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT VEP 4-33

David Gunter; Gunter said there was a possible break in the Byrd machine. When asked why, he said, "The decension in the Byrd machine is due to the dissatisfaction among the people, both Negro and white." This is so, I'm told, because of the Byrd machine, which consists of a few powerful people and many weak puppets who refuse to let bills out of the committee which are hurting both Negro and white people who aren't for the Byrd machine. The time is ripe for them to break the Byrd political machine if they can get enough anti-Byrd people (mostly Negro) to register and vote. The members of the Fourth Congressional District voter registration committee wants to capitalize on this situation by having an intensified voter registration program. "We will need money, " he emphasized. I told him to submit a budget and await a decision as to what VEP could do to help. The Fourth plans to actively pursue voter registration until October 3, 1964, then push these voters to vote for S. W. Tucker for congress from the Fourth District. The Fourth Congressional District covers 18 rural counties and 3 cities. The cities are Hopewell, Petersburg, and Suffolk. See attached map for the counties.

Gunter said the Fourth district is now conducting a citizenship school, had 40 enrolled. Herbert Coulton was the instructor. The graduates were turned over th precinct leaders to help others, in the various areas prepare themselves to pass the registration test. (See example of certificates given successful graduates.

Gunter and the financial committee estimated they need $35,000 (not all from VEP) to put this project over. I suggested they make a separate budget and submit it to VEP concerning the VEP interest, but definitely,

this grant if made, could not be used in a partisan way. I think the project has good, sound leadership, organization and direction. The Fourth district is in the heart of the Virginia black belt, and I think the potential is there to register a large number of Negro registrants, regardless of seemingly restricted office hours in the registrar's office. Coulton works along with Gunter, and other organizations in Petersburg. They have one goal, to register people to vote. The people in the Fourth feel the battle for the Negro's rights should now be through the ballot, the day of demonstrations is over.

Herbert Coulton - SCLC, Petersburg, Virginia: Coulton wasn't in, so I talked to his secretary, and later the same day, I talked to Coulton himself.

(Interview)

Secretary/- Miss Allen: There seems to be an increase in voter registration since a Negro, J. H. Owens, was elected to the city council inJune, 1964. SCLC has a test case at the registrar's office of a new type voter registration blank. They have filed suit through Tucker and Marsh, and are awaiting a ruling by the courts. Last week, they registered an estimated 15 people. The previous week, they registered more than 15. SCLC has some citizenship school going. Mrs. Olivia Marshall's school is the largest, with 15, five now being ready to register. SCLC has a transportation pool of volunteer drivers to take people to the polls. SCLC plans to show a five minute movie between features at the local theater about voter registration. They plan to buy radio time about the last week in September before the books close, telling people to get out and register, then vote. They have signs in business establishments where all employees are registered to vote. If there isn't 100% registration, the establishment gets no sign. They have 15 volunteer workers working on voter registration. They have two problems which somewhat hampers voter registration: Three hours a day to register (12-3), Monday through Friday; The blank ballot literacy test voter registration blank.

Herbert Coulton Interview: Coulton reiterated what his secretary had said. Right now, he is organizing ways to get people to register and vote. He teaches citizenship schools and is one of the organizers of the Fourth Congressional District registration committee. He is quite concerned about the short length of time the registrar's office remains open. It is a handicap because most people are working and can't get off. It is even more difficult with the blank registration sheets.

Richmond, Virginia: S. W. Tucker was out of town, so I talked with his law partner, H. C. Marsh. Marsh feels that if they could get away from school suits long enough, they think they could get some unregistered people on the books, and then possibly put S. W. Tucker in the congress-

man's seat from the Fourth District. They are tyying to get workers throughout the Fourth District, but need funds to attract capable, responsible people to do the job. Marsh stated the same desire and feeling as did Coulton and Gunter. Marsh stated to me that the law states that a Registrar must accept people at other times besides those times set aside by the state for a fee of 35¢. Marsh is sending me a breakdown by county in the Fourth Congressionai District showing the number of registerred and unregistered Negroes in each county.

Since Tucker nor Marsh cannot pull away completely from their law practice, they have plans to continue their organization of the Fourth District, and use county directors (of which funds are needed for small salaries) and volunteer workers who must be reimbursed for their expenses. The situation is now to the point in the Fourth Congressional District where further organization or a greater production of registered voters cannot be effectively made until there are funds in the treasury or commitments of financial made to the Fourth District.

John Brooks/ Brooks gave me an oral outline of what his organization was doing. They have door to door canvassers in their district, which is the Third. They work hand in hand with the Crusade for Voters. Most of the work done by the CFV is done in Brooks' office. He said he sits on top of both sets of funds so he didn't mind which organization, his or the CFV, received funds from VEP. A budget was recently submitted for consideration by VEP. He wants to know as soon as possible what action has been taken on it. I promised to let him know as soon as possible. Brooks feels there is a lot of work to be done in the Fourth District. He feels that financial assistance would be very helpful in registering more voters.

Brooks said the major difference between his organization and the CFV is that the CFV can actively campaign for a certain candidate, and his organization must remain completely non-partisan. Brooks stated further that one of the goals of his organization is to get people to register and vote, whereas the goal of the CFV is not only to get people registered, encourage them to vote, but also while voting, to vote for a particular candidate.

Seemingly, the leaders in voter registration all over Virginia are either in leadership capacities, on various boards, or work in the various voter registration drives all over the state. They all seem to be working toward one common goal, that is, to put more Negroes on the books as registered voters. They feel that if they can get financial assistance, they can then secure the otherhelp needed to get people registered in the Fourth district mainly, and then throughout the other 9 congressional districts in Virginia. Brooks and his volunteer workers are very active in the Third District. The reason stated to me why a program is so badly needed in the Fourth Cong. District is due to the greatest concentration of Negroes in Virginia are situated in the

Fourth District. It is called the "Virginia Black Belt." If a sizable number of Negroes can be registered, positive gains can thus be assured.

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Attachments: On original.

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GETTING OUT TO REGISTER IN PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

Although we were successful in getting out the votes needed to enable a Negro to be elected to the city council - this was not enough.

Although we had used the door to door method of personal contact to get people to register - this was not enough because there were still many unregistered Negroes in the city.

The League of United Voters met and I suggested to them other methods that should be used along with the door to door method. Some of these methods are slogans to dramatize the need for Negroes to vote, stickers on cars and in windows of homes saying that "I am registered, are you?", on the cars and "This whole household is registered." This I felt would be meaningful and would stimulate people in the neighborhood to register. These stickers would be given to a family only when all adult members of that home were registered.

For the movie goers a two minute reel would be shown at the end of each feature. This would further instill upon the minds of adults the importance of registering.

The picture "Right Now" waw shown at a mass meeting and it was well received. This picture actually showed how to go at the grassroots vote — explaining and showing him how his vote could change many of the conditions that now exist in his every day life. This picture is shown at each of the ward meetings and it is generally felt that if Savannah can do it, then Petersburg can do it. Now we are out to do it.

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There are two main problems that I'm hoping something can be done about. One is the hours of registration (12-3PM). This makes Petersburg the only major city in Virginia that does not have all day registration.

Because of the location of work (many people work from 5 to 18 miles from the city) its almost impossible for them to get to the registrar's office. Even if some of them went on their lunch hours, it would be humanly impossible to drive or catch a ride into town, wait in line, register and get back to work in the alotted time. Recently, a group met with the city council and they did say that consideration will be given to this matter. In this drive we plan to get Negroes to stand in line to register with hopes that this exceeds the required time and see would the registrar continue to register them until everyone was registered.

The other problem is in protest of the blank sheet of paper. This, I feel is a method to keep people from registering.

On August 11th, two young ladies Misses Mildred Ann Jackson and Barbara Ann Perry agreed to present two different type forms to the registrar. (I will include a copy of each with this report.) Miss Jackson was instructed to ask for the regular registration form and after looking it over she was to fill out the one which she had carried with her. This one had the same information but it was there for you to see rather than your having to read a paragraph and derive from the paragraph the answers in order. The form Miss Jackson filled out was much easier and could be understood. After she finished she gave it to the registrar and her said"this is not the form that I gave you and I will not accept this." This we didn't mind too much because we had a case. The law says that the form must be filled out in the presence of the registration offiwer and she filled it out in his presence. She left one copy and bought the other carbon copy back. This was turned over to the lawyers to be used in the suit.

Miss Perry's registration form was filled out and signed by a notary public and carried down to the registration office. She told the registrar this is my registration form and he again said he couldn't accept this form. She left a copy and presented the carbon copy to the lawyers to be filed along with Miss Jackson's suit.

The suits have been filed but no ruling has been made as yet. We had no protest with the registrar but with the law which requires this blank sheet of paper.

During the past two weeks since we have reorganized the wards and set up work shops 187 persons have gone down to be registered. Out of this figure 151 have successfully registered. Some people went down to register and had to leave. They were on their lunch hours and the car pool committee had to take them back to work. There were others who had gone down and had not been instructed and they did not pass. It's almost impossible to pass this form without first having some one to go over it with you.

The workshops have been very helpful. They are held in six (6) wards and each ward leader comes to a ward leader's meeting and before he leaves he knows how to fill out the form. He then sees that all his ward workers know how to fill out the forms. This is the most important thing that is done in the workshops. If nothing else is covered - everyone will know when he leaves how to fill out the form.

Demonstrations are held on the right approach (if there's such a thing) in canvassing. When to go to a house, when not to, what to say, types of materials to leave, whether to follow up and find out if baby sitter or transportation is needed.

The telephone committee serves as a must and if used properly, can be very effective. Mrs. Gladys Owens, a school teacher and Mrs. Cassie Walker, a beautician are co-chairman of the telephone committee. They have gotten other people to assist them in making calls urging people to register and

and telling them that someone will be there to instruct them on how to register if it's needed.

Their job is also to call the chairman of the car pool committee telling them who needs to be picked up, when and where. They must also call the baby sitting committee who are high school students, male and female to let them know who need a babysitter.

The canvassing crew is made up of students and adults and Saturday, August 29th, John Pond, a white man came to my house and wanted to do whatever he could to help our cause. He will be going into the Negro neighborhoods urging them to register.

It took us a while to oil up the old machine and replace some and worn parts but things seem to be moving along and September is the month that we should be in high gear.

Submitted by,

Herbert D. Coulton

Herbert Coulton

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

NOTE: Section 20 of the Constitution of Virginia provided who may register and expressly directs that in the written application to register the applicant shall give certain information. Below are set fourth such parts of Section 20 as concern the application.

"Who may Register. Every citizen of the United States, having the qualifications of age and residence required in Section Eighteen, shall be entitled to register, provided:.....

"..... he make application to register in his own handwriting, without aid, suggestion, or memorandum, in the presence of the registration office, stating therein his name,age, date and place of birth, residence and occupation at the time and for one year next preceeding, and whether he has previously voted, and if so the state, county, and precinct in which he voted last....."

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

August 11, 1964

I hereby make application to be registered to vote in federal elections. I am a citizen of the United States. I was born on , 19 , in .

I am and have been a resident of the State of Virginia for one year, of the City of Petersburg for six months and of the Ward, Precinct # , for one month next preceding this date.

Signature: _____

Address: #_____Street,

Petersburg, Virginia

State of Virginia }
City of Petersburg } to wit:

Subscribed and sworn to before me in my city and state aforesaid this 11th day of August, 1964.

My commission expires the day of 196 .

_____,

Notary Public

Program Division

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Martin Luther King, Jr., *President*

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September 16, 1964

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J. H. Calhoun
Hosea Williams

LOUISIANA
Daniel Harrell
Elizabeth Hayes
Major Johns
Lavert Taylor

Mrs. Jane Bond Moore
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Moore:

In answer to Mr. Branton's request for the knowledge of the exact area in the "vicinity" of Petersburg. The "vicinity" is Ettrick, Virginia.

Ettrick is a small unincorporated area with a population of 3,293. 58 percent of the population is non-white and 73 percent is between 18 and 64 years old.

The reason that this area was chosen is because of the stimulation it could lend to Virginia State College, which is located in Ettrick, Virginia. A recent survey was taken and it showed that only 2 out of every 10 students was registered (896 were over 21 years old).

A more detailed report will given on Ettrick soon.

Thanks for the forms and the example sheet concerning reporting. It will be most helpful.

Respectfully yours,

Herbert V. Coulton

Herbert V. Coulton

HVC/ga

4-33

September 11, 1964

Mr. Herbert Coulton
244 Halifax Street
Petersburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-33

Dear Mr. Coulton:

We have as yet received no answer to Mr. Branton's letter of August 5th asking you for the list of the exact areas in the "vicinity" of Petersburg where you will be working. We would appreciate receiving this information.

In the last narrative report, which we received on September 8, it states "...during the past two weeks . . . 151 have been successfully registered." What are the exact dates of this period?

I am sending a few of our reporting forms, along with an outline for a narrative report, under separate cover. It will be easier for us if, in addition to the excellant narrative reports you have been sending us, you would send either our or SCLC's statistical reporting forms.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

This was the type of form Miss [illegible]ckson received from this office for the test case at the registration office. (Refer to August report for data leading up to this case.)

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Recorded

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

I hereby make application to be registered to vote in _____ precinct.

NAME: _____

AGE: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PLACE OF BIRTH : _____

RESIDENCE: _____

Residence for the one year next preceding: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

Occupation for the one year next preceding: _____

WHETHER APPLICANT HAS PREVIOUSLY VOTED: _____

If so, the State, county and precinct in which applicant voted last:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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INSTRUCTIONS

Under a ruling of the U. S. District Court of September 25, 1964, the blank paper voter registration is OUT. Take this form to the registrar, fill it out in his presence, leave the top one with the registrar whether he wants to take it or not. Give the carbon copy to your Voter Registration Committee worker. Answer the registrar's questions if he asks any. Sign the oath if he lets you.

Fill-in Forms Are Held Legal

By Allan Jones

Federal District Judge John D. Butzner Jr. held yesterday that prospective voters may substitute their own fill-in-the-blank registration form for the so-called blank-paper form still used by many Virginia localities.

His decision is legally binding on a temporary basis only in Petersburg, but the general rule would apply throughout the state. He announced his decree from the bench at the conclusion of a three-hour hearing.

Specifically, Judge Butzner enjoined Petersburg Registrar Robert Gilliam from refusing to register Miss Ann Jackson, a student at Virginia State College, and others similarly situated, on a form on which the necessary information may be handwritten.

Miss Jackson sought to register August 11. Gilliam gave her the blank-paper form supplied by his office, but she substituted a typewritten fill-in-the-blank form. She then provided the necessary data in her own handwriting.

Refused to Accept

Gilliam refused to accept the form. The sheet he provided, in use in many localities, is headed by pertinent provisions of Section 20 of the Virginia Constitution.

A prospective voter must read these provisions and write the necessary information below on blank lines. The prospective voter, without aid, suggestion or other memorandum, must state his name, age, date and place of birth, residence and occupation at the time and for the previous year, whether he has previously voted, and, if so, the state, county and precinct in which he last voted.

Many localities — including Richmond and the county of Henrico — provide fill-in-the-blank forms for prospective voters.

Such forms were prohibited until citizens approved a constitutional amendment sanctioning their use in 1962.

Judge Butzner cited the practice in Richmond, Henrico and other political subdivisions in informing opposing counsel of his decision.

He observed that the Virginia Constitution and state law specify that a person must register "on a form which may be provided by the registration officer. . ."

The Constitution does not require that registration be accomplished on the form provided by the registrar, he said. The form substituted by Miss Jackson is substantially the same as those used by registrars in Henrico and Richmond, Judge Butzner said.

Indeed, if she were a citizen of either of these political subdivisions she would have been registered to vote, he concluded.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Received for Rec'd 10/9/64

Name of Project: League of United Voters of Petersburg and Vicinity

Period covered by this report: From September 1 to October 3

Person reporting Herbert V. Coulton

244 Halifax Street - Petersburg - Virginia
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: October 6, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Petersburg, Virginia, consisting of six ward and Ettrick, Virginia which is a small section of Chesterfield County.
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1500

Number instructed at home 176

Number instructed at clinics 500 (Clinics were held in churches)

Number instructed other places 120 a. Specify places Barbershops, beauty parlors, restaurants

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 689

Number successfully registered by this project this week 689

Number denied registration in this project this week 500

a. Reason for denial Not enough space at registration office and not enough hours.

Number contacted by other means 300

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 39

a. Reason for refusing to participate (Not interested)

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1215

Petersburg - 1095 Ettrick - 120

Number of workers in the campaign 165

Remarks I think we have accomplished quite a bit in this registration drive. We were responsible for the court's decision on the blank sheet of paper which will help the whole of Virginia and we were able to get a few more hours in order that people might register. These were the two real problems that I have mentioned time and time again in my reports.

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(Report continued)

Many people will be voting for the first time and they must be taught the proper way to mark ballots, where their voting precinct is located, and the hours it is open. These are just a few of the things I feel that people need to know.

Voter Education should always follow Registration Drives. We are going to set up workshops in "get out the vote campaigns" for our October project.

Defers Wage Dispute

Registrar Agrees To Extra Office Hours

Robert Skelton Gilliam, Petersburg registrar, this morning told The Progress-Index that he will make every effort to cooperate with a request lodged with the City Council by the Petersburg Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Petersburg Civitan Club asking that the registrar's office remain open extra hours prior to the October 3 deadline for registering to vote in the November 3 election.

Apparent dispute over the extra hours came into being last week when a schedule was announced and later rescinded by Gilliam when he learned that the City Council was unwilling to pay the $5 an hour he asked for his extra hours of operation.

Gilliam had announced extra hours for September 24 and 25 and for periods from September 28 to the closing date on October 3. The decision came after a September 15 meeting of the City Council agreed to appropriate funds necessary to keep the office open.

The registrar said this morning that he had been contacted on Friday, September 18 by City Manager Roy F. Ash who told him that the Council was not in agreement with the rate of pay-Gilliam in turn informed the Jaycees that he would be unable to maintain the extra hours unless a pay agreement was reached.

Gilliam said this morning, however, that he would agree to maintain the extra hours as best he possibly could and "argue out the rate of pay with the Council at a later date."

Gilliam also explained that it has been necessary to close his office during regular office hours yesterday and today due to a suit filed against him and two other registrars relative to a "blank paper" portion of the registration procedure. The suit was to be heard today in Federal District Court in Richmond at 10 a.m. and Gilliam was called to a conference yesterday with the Virginia attorney general.

Registrar Sets Added Hours For November Voting

The office of Petersburg Registrar Robert Skelton Gilliam will be open as usual from noon to 3 p.m. daily except Saturday until Oct. 1, when as a convenience to those who wish to register it will be open in addition on Oct. 1 and 2 from 6 to 9 p.m.

E. A. Wyatt, chairman of the Electoral Board, who made the announcement today, said the office also will be open Saturday, Oct. 3 from noon to 3 p.m. The books will then be closed until after the November election.

Wyatt said the additional hours the registrar's office will be open is a temporary arrangement to accommodate those who wish to register and are unable to do so during the regular hours.

The registrar's office is on the third floor of City Hall. During the hours from 6 to 9 on Oct. 1 and 2, the registrar will have an assistant.

Several civic organizations had urged an extension of the registration hours for this election.

T-D News Bureau Photo

Registration Crowd at Petersburg

There was a long line of Petersburg residents, mostly Negroes, yesterday seeking to vote at the city registrar's office on the third floor of city hall. The line wound from the office (top window, left), down the hall steps and out onto the street. City Registrar Robert S. Gilliam closed his office at 3:04 p.m. with an estimated 150 persons still in line. Registration has been brisk during the week and Saturday was the deadline for registering to vote in the November 3 election. (See story, Page A-1.)

Many Whites Left

Lewis M. Walker III, president of the Jaycees, said a count at 8 p.m. showed more than 150 persons in line but it grew as the night wore on. He said a lot of white people standing in line for several hours "dropped out and went home." Most of the Negroes held their ground.

Clarence Taylor, standing in front of city hall said he was waiting for his wife. She had been in line at 6:15 p.m., but she still had not come down from the third floor.

Gilliam said earlier Wednesday he has had long lines for the past two days since he began observing longer hours.

This week his office is open from noon until 5 p.m. and Wednesday from 7 p.m. supposedly until 9 p.m. He also has scheduled a night registration for Friday from 7 p.m. until 9.

No More Midnight Oil

Registrar Will Stick 'To Announced Hours'

Petersburg Registrar Robert Skelton Gilliam who kept his office open until long after midnight yesterday, said today from now on he will "stick to the announced hours."

Gilliam's office was open in the evening Wednesday for the first time under the schedule set up to accommodate those who want to register to vote in the November election. Scheduled hours Wednesday were from noon to 5 p. m. and from 7 to 9 p. m. With only brief time out for dinner, Gilliam continued to take care of applicants "as fast as I could and made the last registration at just before 1 a. m."

Even then, he said, the corridor outside his office on the third floor of City Hall would still have been full of those seeking to register if he had not made an announcement that they should go home as he was closing for the night.

No registration hours were scheduled for last night. When the office closed at 5 p. m. approximately 75 persons were still in line.

The hours for registration today and tomorrow, hours Gilliam reaffirmed will be strictly adhered to, are: today from noon to 5 p. m. and from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. and tomorrow from noon to 3 p. m., final day of registration before the official closing of the books.

Gilliam said he has not had a chance to open his mail in recent days, due to being swamped by those coming to the office to register. He said he will do his best to mail transfers today to those who have written for them.

Gilliam said he had no count of the number who have registered in recent days, since he has been too busy to make one. Long lines have formed daily this week from his office, along the corridor, down the stairs to Union St. and at times extending around the corner on W. Tabb St. as far as Hotel Petersburg.

He pointed out again that it has been permissible to register to vote in a federal election without payment of poll tax since Feb. 19 and that had more than a small number taken advantage of this, long lines and long waits would not have been necessary. Referring to complaints that the regular hours his office is open—from noon to 3 p. m. — were inconvenient, he said many of those registering this week are retired persons who should have been able to come during the regular hours.

The schedule of additional hours this week was set up as result of request of local organizations which are conducting registration campaigns.

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Long Wait

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Registrar Swamped By Rush To Get On Books

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Age: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Residence: _____

Election precinct: _____

Residence for the one year next preceding: _____

Occupation: _____

Occupation for the one year next preceding: _____

Whether applicant has has previously voted: _____

If so, the State, county and precinct in which applicant voted last:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Rec'd 7/25/64

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia

688-0331

July 24, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton,, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a request for VEP grants to support voter registration efforts in Tallahatchie and Panola Counties.

It is my understanding that Mr. James Forman spoke with you earlier in this regard and at that time you indicated to him that there was a possibility that funds could be made available for such efforts.

If there is any question in your mind in reference to the enclosed proposal, please don't fail to call on us for clarification. We look forward to hearing your reaction.

Yours in the struggle,

Ruby Doris Smith Robinson (Mrs.)
Administrative Secretary

Enclosure

Note now file
VEP 4-34

"One Man, One Vote"

August 7, 1964

Mr. James Forman
SNCC
84 Raymond Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

Attn: Miss S. G. Johnson RE: VEP 4-34

Dear Mr. Forman:

We have considered the request of July 24, 1964, which was submitted to us by Ruby Doris Robinson on behalf of SNCC for a VEP supported program in Tallahatchie and Panola counties in Mississippi. The proposal stated that copies of the federal court orders pertaining to both counties were attached, but thegwere not included with the peoposal and we would appreciate your furnishing us with a copy as soon as possible.

The proposals were for six-month projects, but as I explained to you in our telephone conversation, VEP will not make any grants which will extend beyond October 31, as we are inthe final phase of our program.

We have decided to make SNCC a grant in the amount of $2,000 in support of a two-month program for registration work in Panola County, Mississippi, which will run from August 10 until October 10, 1964, and we are enclosing our check in the amount of $2,000 representing payment in full of the said grant.

I think you know our attitude generally regarding support of voter registration in Mississippi at this time, and we have made this grant on the basis of your representation that meaningful results in terms of actual registration, can now be achieved in Panola County. You may, at this

discretion, use some portion of the grant for work in Tallahatchie County, but we see no justification at this time for making a grant for work in Tallahatchie County.

It is extremely important that we be furnished with as much information as possible concerning your Mississippi program, and any continued support after October 10 will be determined by the results achieved by that time and the progress reporting to VEP.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jo
Encl: $2,000 check
cc: Mr. James Forman-Greenwood, Mississippi

August 14, 1964

Mr. Claude Weaver
Box 20, Route 2
Batesville, Mississippi

RE: VEP 4-34

Dear Mr. Weaver:

Miss Nancy Stearn has informed us that you will have the immediate responsibility for the research reporting on the Panola County project.

We would appreciate receiving weekly reports in which you report registration results,(in exact figures),number of persons contacted, means of contact, number applying for registration, number rejected, and the reason for rejection. We would appreciate also your discussion of problems encountered,both with officials and in the Negro communities, and plans for solving same.

We are sending you, under separate cover, the forms necessary for making your statistical report to us.

At the conclusion of the program, we would appreciate a report on the assessment of the effectiveness of your approach to the assignment, as you see it.

If we can be of assistance to you, let us know. We welcome your questions and comments.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

Mr. Harry Carmichael
103 Avenue M
Greenwood, Miss

Louis Grant

WB

Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.
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14 August 1964

Voter Education Project

Room 206

5 Forsyth Street, N.W.

Atlanta 3, Georgia

AUG 17 1964

We received the **grant** for the Panola County, Mississippi Voter Education Project. Thank you very much.

Together in freedom,

Dinky Romilly

Dinky Romilly (Miss)

DR/da

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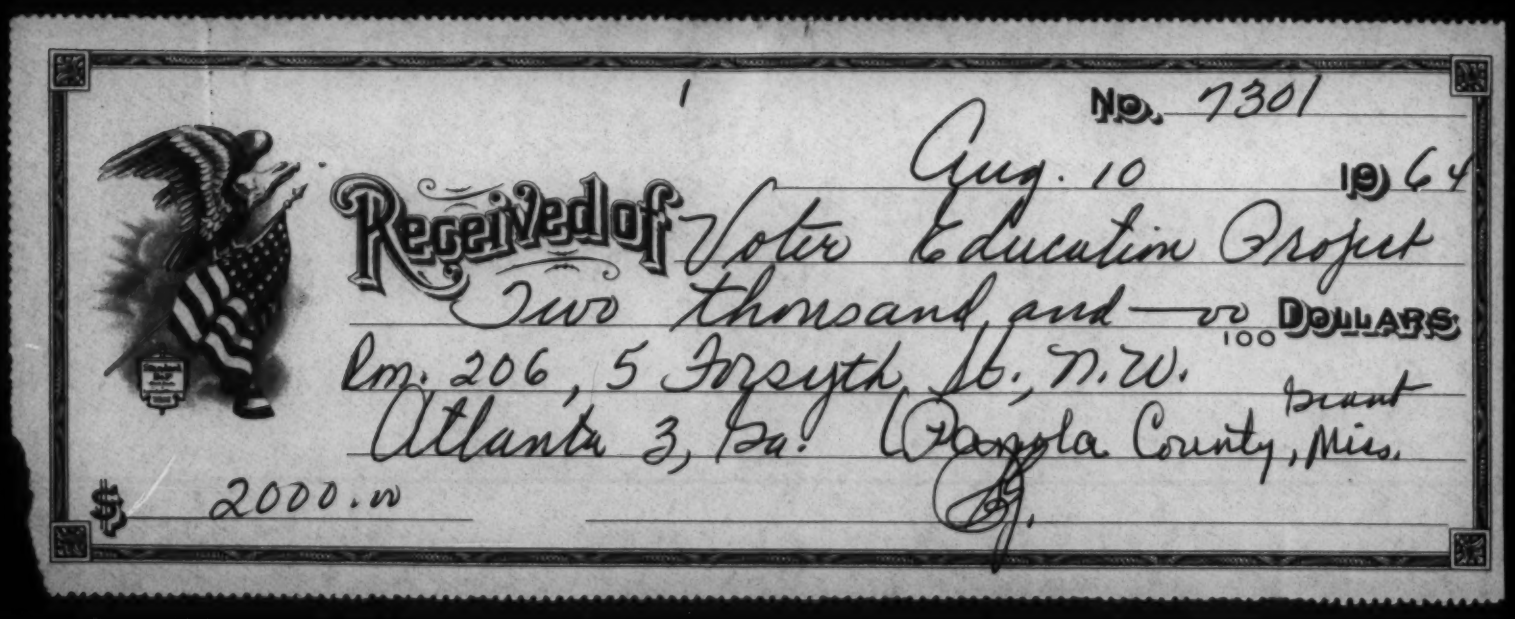
"One Man, One Vote"



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Aug. 10 1964

Received of Voter Education Project

Two thousand and —00/100 DOLLARS

Rm. 206, 5 Forsyth St., N.W.

Atlanta 3, Ga. Grant Panola County, Miss.

$ 2000.00

September 17, 1964

Mr. Louis Grant
Box 20, Route 2
Batesville, Mississippi

RE: VEP 4-34

Dear Mr. Grant:

We have received no reports from Panola County although I wrote Mr. Weaver on the 14th of August that we expect them weekly. We would appreciate receiving a full report of all of your activities since the beginning of the project.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I sent to Mr. Weaver outlining our requirements. The report should be along these lines.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

This is a request for financial support for voter registration projects in Tallahatchie and Panola Counties, Mississippi. The Panola County registrar was ordered, on May 29th, to register Negroes without discrimination. The Tallahatchie County registrar was ordered by Fe-eral Judge Claude F. Clayton on June 24th, to register Negroes without discrimination. (See copies of Not attached orders attached.) These orders go considerably beyond merely directing that discrimination not be practiced. They define discrimination, and they specify with some precision just what the registrar must do not to discrminate.

In Panola County, since the May 29th order, at least 372 Negroes have registered. The registrar is observing the letter of the order and the Sheriff of the County isproviding protection for registrants and registration workers. There is none of the police harassment and registrar harassment which usually accompanies such orders. The registrar administers the test to registrants three at a time, and all who are actually able to read and write are registered without difficulty. They are told immediately whether or not they have qualified, and they are permitted to sign the book then and there. Their names are still advertised in the local paper, but they are not required to wait the customary two weeks before registering.

SNCC staff people have been working, since May 29th, with personnel of the Panoal County Voters League. The success of their joint efforts can be measured by the fact that, on July 22, 35 Negroes went into the office to take the test. We do not yet have a count of those who passed.

Claude Weaver, SNCC project director in Batesville, says the Negro community in Batesville is rapidly emerging from the cloud of fear which had lingered on after the May 29th court order. He says there has been little tension in the white community thus far. How-

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ever, on July 23 he reported the whites seemed to be getting a bit excited about some hand bills the staff had distributed calling attention to the fact that the potential for registration intthe county was 7,000 Negroes. (The 1960 census reports indicate there are 7,576 whites, and 7,250 Negroes of voting age in the county).

A minimum estimate of the mumber of registered Negroes in Panola at the date of this writing (July 23) is 405 (30 Negroes were registered prior to the court order). We have no figures on white registration. However, in the 1st gubernatorial primary last year 4,858 votes were cast and in the second primary, 4,610 were cast. Not more than 30 pf these could have been Negroes.

We believe that a concentrated six-month registration drive in this county will result in bringing the Negro registration up to the level of that of the whites. We think it extremely important to follow up this court order with as much effort as possible, in order that Mississippi Negroes will be able to maintain their faith in the efficacy of federal court action.

The foloowing is a budget for a six-month project in Panola County. We should greatly appreciate your giving it serious consideration for a grant of VEP funds.

Salaries, eight staff members @ $20/week	$ 3,840.
Transportation, 2 used cars @ $1,000 each	2,000.
Office rent @ $50 per month	300.
Office supplies and equipment	200.
Telephone @ $50 per month	300.
Postage @ $10 per month	60.
Transportation expense (300 miles per week @.07/mile)	504.
Total	$7,204.

Tallahatchie County contrasts with Panola County, in that there has been little if any testing of the efficacy of the court order. The Sheriff and Charleston police make it extremely difficult for

staff members to discover anything about conditions in the registrar's office. One staff member, Margaret Block, has been living in Tallahatchie County for the past three weeks. During that time local peoplem with whom she is living, have advised her against going into Charleston to observe conditions, because of the danger. On Sunday, July 19, SNCC project director Claude Weaver and summer volunteer Tim Morrison were run out of the county by the sheriff and a couple of his deputies. We believe it is going to tale concentrated effort by qualified and experienced staff members to break the hold of fear in which the Negro community of Tallahatchie is held. We are unable to estimate at this time what might be the numerical results of a six-month project in Tallahatchie County. However, we believe, considering the terms of the court order, it should be possible to register significant numners of Negroes if determined organizing efforts are carried on in the county. We think it imperative that the court order be followed up, lest the rights ensured by that order be nullified by the application of police terror.

There are 5,099 whites of voting age in the county, and 6,483 Negroes of voting age. The latest information available to us is that there are no Negroes registered to vote in Tallahatchie County. In the last gubernatorial primary last year 4,168 votes were cast, and in the second primary 4,209 were cast. Presumably this offers a minimum estimate of the number of whites registered there.

The budget for the Tallahatchie project would be the same as that for the Panola project, though undoubtedly there will be considerable expense for bonds. It seems almost certain that staff people will have to expect a great deal of police harassment. We should not expect to include harassment expense in the budget in

which VEP participates.

Thus we are hereby making application in the amount of $7,204 for each of two counties in Mississippi - Tallahatchie and Panola. We shall appreciate your consideration of this application, and we shall be happy to provide you with further information you may require.

Incidantally, the only activity we anticipate in these two counties is the registration drive.

Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 524-1420

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Andrew J. Young, *Executive Director*

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August 5, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on Tuesday, August 4, 1964. We are requesting a grant in the amount of $500 for Jones County, Georgia. Negroes represent 45 present of the population. There are 1000 registered with a potential of 2300 to be registered. They plan to do a political education program along with the drive. The whole program is being coordinated through the Jones County All Citizens Registration Committee headed by Rev. Charles Wells.

VEP 4-31

We are also requesting a grant for St. Augustine, Florida in the amount of $500. They have been doing a very good job, but transportation has been a real problem for them. They have organized on a distric basis with block captains. The money is needed mainly for material and transportation for a two month period.

VEP 4-35

Anything you can do on these two request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew J. Young

Andrew J. Young
Executive Assistant to President

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August 7, 1964

The Rev. Andrew Young
SCLC
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

RE: VBP 4-35

Dear Andy:

I am pleased to inform you that we have approved the request of SCLC for a grant in the amount of $500 in support of a registration program in St. Augustine, Florida, for a two-month period from August 6 through October 3, 1964.

It is our understanding that this money will be used primarily for materials and transportation. We would appreciate being furnished with the name and address of who will be responsible for directing this program, and I hope you will impress upon them the necessity for progress reporting.

Our check in the amount of $500 representing payment of the grant in full is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $500 check

August 14, 1964

Mr. Harry Boyte, Jr.
64 Washington Street
St. Augustine, Florida

VEP 4-35

Dear Mr. Boyte:

Mrs. Edwina Smith has informed us that you will have the responsibility for the research reproting on the ~~Montgomery~~ project.
+ Augustine now

We would appreciate receiving a weekly report, in which you report registration results (in exact figures), number of persons contacted, means of contact, number applying for registration, number rejected, and the reason for rejection. We would appreciate also your discussion of problems encountered, both with officials and in the Negro communities, and plans for solving same.

We are sending a supply of our reporting forms under separate cover.

At the conclusion of the program, we would appreciate an assessment of the effectiveness of your approach to the assignment.

If we can be of assistance to you, let us know. We welcome your questions and comments.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

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ST. AUGUSTINE CHAPTER

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

PHONE 824-2730 P.O. BOX 758

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.

AUG 26 1964

August 25, 1964

Dear Mrs. Moore,

After having been out of town, in court, for two weeks, I have just today received your letter.

Unfortunately, I have to leave again at the end of this week to prepare for school this fall, and thus will be unable to report to you. The Atlanta office will inform you shortly of the person who will be in charge of voter registration here.

Sincerely,
Harry Boyte
Harry Boyte

Edwina on vac. - her substitute didn't know who was in charge. 8/27/64

Note: Fred Martin, 64 Washington St., St. Aug., Fla., is now in charge.

UEP 4, 3d

Reminder
Bob Moore

August 28, 1964

Mr. Fred Martin
64 Washington Street
St. Augustine, Florida

RE: VEP 4-35

Dear Mr. Martin:

Miss Mackie informs us that you, rather than Mr. Boyte, will be in charge of the St. Augustine project. I would like to appraise you of the reporting requirements.

I have already sent a supply of our reporting forms to St. Augustine. We would appreciate receiving these weekly. In addition to these forms, at the end of your program we would appreciate a narrative report assessing the effectiveness of your approach which should include a thorough discussion of the problems encountered.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

VOP 4-35 Recorded 90 JM WB

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

SEP 11 1964

Name of Project: Voter Registration Drive

Period covered by this report: From August 30, 1964 to Sept. 5, 1964

Person reporting Fred V. Martin

64 Washington St., St. Augustine, St. Johns County, Florida
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Sept. 8

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: St. Johns County, Florida

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 560

Number instructed at home 0

Number instructed at clinics 0

Number instructed other places 0 a. Specify places N/A

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 26

Number successfully registered by this project this week 26

Number denied registration in this project this week 0

a. Reason for denial N/A

Number contacted by other means 50

a. Specify means Church Service

Number refusing to participate 10

a. Reason for refusing to participate Our votes aren't counted, Too old, White man does what he wants anyhow .....

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 26

Number of workers in the campaign 3

Remarks John Due should have a full report. Briefly: I arrived on August 28 with instructions to complete the voter registration drive underway. The city of St. Augustine had been canvassed, at least the majority had, but no one knew how many had been registered. I attempted to secure this information from the registrar but could not. Since no work had been done in the county outside of St. Augustine it was decided to concentrate on this area after a preliminary "mopping up" operation in the city. This operation consisted of rechecking all the block canvassers sheets to find those persons who were not registered and then checking back on them to see if they had registered since the canvas. Out of 110 checked last week, we were able to register 26. On Saturday, Sept. 5, the entire Negro section of the town of Hastings was canvassed. This was done with the aid of 10 St. Augustine students and 10 Hastings students. Out of about 450 canvassed, 188 were unregistered. The problem of transporting these persons 20 miles to St.

Augustine is tentatively being handled by the Quarterback Club in Hastings(the most active organization in Hastings). If they should fail to do the job, it will be necessary to get cars from St. Augustine, and pay them mileage. Since there are 2200 eligible Negro voters in St. Johns county who have not registered, and by far the majority of them live in rural areas 15 to 30 miles from St. Augustine, the major cost of the project will be transportation. If everything goes well, which is unlikely, it is hoped that the bulk of the work in the county can be cleared up in three weeks and the last week before the registrar's office closes (Oct. 2) can be spent in a concentrated drive in the city of St. Augustine.

SEP 16 1964

WB
Florida
JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Registration Project

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 6 to Sept. 12

Person reporting Fred V. Martin

64 Washington St., St. Augustine, Florida (St. Johns county)
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Sept. 15, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: St. Johns County, Florida

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 127

Number instructed at home 0

Number instructed at clinics 0

Number instructed other places 0 a. Specify places 0

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 25

Number successfully registered by this project this week 25

Number denied registration in this project this week 0

a. Reason for denial N/A

Number contacted by other means 150

a. Specify means Talks inc churches

Number refusing to participate 2

a. Reason for refusing to participate The usual.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 55

Number of workers in the campaign 5

Remarks Another bad week but for a different reason. Monday was Labor Day so we could not begin taking people to the registrar until Tuesday. We had canvassed the small town of Hastings on Saturday, and various rural areas and hamlets on Sunday and Monday. As a result of this canvassing we had about 240 persons scheduled to carry down in the rest of the week. Tuesday we hauled 20 and 5 went down on their own. Wednesday Hurricane Dora hit and that finished us for the week. The office (ACLC) was under 8 inches of water and the registrars office was closed so all activity ground to a halt. Since most of the roads were impassable we couldn't even canvass. We actually do not know how many persons are registering as a result of this program since we are only able to keep track of the ones we haul. The registrar will not tell us how many have registered since the beginning of September and the only indication I have that a substantial number of persons are registering on their own is that she did state one day when we had only taken 5 down, that already that day she had had Negroes 18 to 1 over whites.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Received 9/14 JMW WB

Name of Project: Voter Registration in St. Johns County

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 13 to Sept. 19

Person reporting Fred V. Martin

64 Washington St., St. Augustine, St. Jhhns County, Florida

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 9/19/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: St. Johns County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 200

Number instructed at home 0

Number instructed at clinics 20 ← Persons instructed in the use of the voting machine

Number instructed other places 0 a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 55 +

Number successfully registered by this project this week 55 +

Number denied registration in this project this week 0

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 0

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 3

a. Reason for refusing to participate Don't want to get involved in that mess.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 110 +

Number of workers in the campaign 5+

Remarks The plus sign to the right of some of the above figures indicates that this is a basic minimum figure. In other words, for persons registered, this is the number of persons that we have hauled to the court house. As I have stated before we have no idea how many persons are registering on their own. Evidently there are sufficient to cause some concern among segregationist whites, since this week the head of the local white citizen's council attempted to thwart efforts by local Democrats to start a Johnson for President drive by warning them that Negroes were registering in droves in order to vote for Johnson.

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Monday the entire staff here was tied up in Federal court in Jacksonville, so no registration work was done. Tuesday and Wednesday people were hauled,but not in as large numbers as had been anticipated due to the after effects of the hurricane. This sounds like a weak excuse, but what happened was that due to the hurricane the organization in Hastings that was supposed to haul the 190 persons from there, failed to meet. They promised to get something organized this weekend, so we spent Thursday and Friday canvassing the remaining rural areas.

Recorded - Jr

SEP 29 1964

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Registration

Period covered by this report: From 9/21/64 to 9/27/64

Person reporting Fred V. Martin

64 Washington St., St. Augustine, St. Johns County, Florida
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 9/28/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: St. Johns County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 250

Number instructed at home 0

Number instructed at clinics 0

Number instructed other places 150 a. Specify places

Persons who were hauled to the registrar's office were taken to the SCLC office and shown how to use the voting machine.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 200

Number successfully registered by this project this week 200

Number denied registration in this project this week 0

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 300

a. Specify means Talks at churches

Number refusing to participate 4

a. Reason for refusing to participate Usual

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 700

Number of workers in the campaign 5

Remarks The entire week was spent hauling persons from outside of St. Augustine who had been canvassed in the preceeding weeks. Our supposition that a good many persons were registering on their own was born out this week when the registrars office published a piece in the newspaper (presumably to get some whites to register) stating that 500 had been registered since the start of the drive. Since about 200 were registered last week, we have registered about 700 since the start.

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ST. AUGUSTINE RECORD 9/21/64

Negroes Step Up Their Registration Program Here; County Books For November Election Close Oct. 3

The campaign throughout the south by civil rights advocates to get as many Negroes registered as possible for November's presidential election, was noticeable at the county courthouse this morning as Negroes waited in large numbers to register as county voters at the office of Mrs. T. F. Ellzey, county supervisor of registration.

Negroes arrived by the car loads this morning to register.

The county registration books will remain open through October 3.

Persons who were qualified to vote in the May Democratic and Republican primary elections do not have to re-register in order to vote in November.

The total registration for the county hangs over the 12,000 mark. However, there are still many qualified residents of the county who have not registered as voters.

In order to qualify as a county voter a person must be 21 years of age, a resident of the state for one year and St. Johns County for six months. A person must be an American citizen.

Florida's election laws may be confusing regarding a person who cannot read or write. Such a person may register as a voter; but a person who cannot read or write cannot vote, or have another person vote for him or her.

In primary elections a voter must vote the way he is registered—as Democratic or a Republican. But, in a general election a voter can jump party lines. Democrats can vote for Republican candidates, and Republicans can vote for Democratic candidates, if they so choose.

Mrs. Ellzey's office; located on the second floor of the courthouse building, is open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The office will stay open on Friday night of this week from 7 until 9 o'clock for the convenience of persons wishing to register.

FLORIDA TIMES-UNION 9/22/64

St. Johns Negroes Hold Vote Registration Drive

By Staff Writer

ST. AUGUSTINE, Sept. 21—St. Augustine's integration movement has shifted from testing of the civil rights law to registration of Negroes to vote in the November general election.

Mrs. T. F. Ellzey, supervisor of registration, said approximately 500 Negroes have been added to the voter rolls since the May primary. A total of 42 registered today, she said.

"This is the heaviest registration of Negroes in so short a period of time during my 20 years as supervisor of registration," she said.

Most of the Negroes being registered are from outside the St. Augustine area, she said, as there is already a heavy registration of Negroes in the city.

Most of the new voters, she said, give Hastings and Bakersville as their addresses. A few, she said, have registered from the Riverdale area. Virtually all have registered as Democrats.

In the May primary, there were 10,919 whites registered to vote and 2,329 Negroes. The new Negro voters outnumber whites who have registered since May by about 5 to 1, she said.

OCT 19 1964

DALLAS COUNTY VOTERS' PROJECT
P.O. Box 774
Selma, Alabama
October 16, 1964

Miss Jean Levine, Fiscal Assistant
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

Please find enclosed in this letter the Dallas County Voter Education Project's Report (financial) for this week, October 12, October 16, 1964.

Sincerly yours,

Nancy Parker,
Office Sec. for the Dallas County
Voter Education Project.

Enclosure/Financial Report

DALLAS COUNTY VOTERS' PROJECT
P.O. BOX 774
Selma, Alabama
October 23, 1964

Miss Jean Levine, Fiscal Assistant
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W., Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Miss Levine:

Please find enclosed in this letter the Dallas County Voter Education Project's Report (financial and field workers) for this week, October 19 - October 23, 1964.

The field workers report includes the week October 11 - October 23, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Parker

Nancy Parker,
Office Sec. for the Dallas County
Voter Education Project.

Enclosure/ Financial and Field Report

Program report
Renewal WBA

August 12, 1964

Dr. John Morsell
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

RE: VEP 8-37

Dear Dr. Morsell:

I am in receipt of a letter from Dr. George C. Simkins, Jr., president of the Greensboro, North Carolina, branch of NAACP requesting a grant in the amount of $1,500 in support of a three-month registration project in the city of Greensboro.

Because of the past success of their program fromm a previous grant, we are pleased to approve the proposed budget in full.

In approving this grant for Greensboro, we desire to follow the same procedure which we are now using under Mr. W. C. Patton's supervision in most of the other states where we have NAACP programs. We are therefore sending our VEP check to the national office in the amount of $1,500, representing payment of the Greensboro grant in full, and requesting that you send an advance to Mr. John Brooks' VEP account, and let Mr. Brooks pay the bills for the Greensboro program from his VEP account.

We understand that the Greensboro program will get underway immediately, and continue through the October 24 deadline for registration in North Carolina.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $1,600 check
cc: Dr. George C. Simkins, Jr.
John Brooks

GREENSBORO BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
POST OFFICE BOX 1995
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Atty. Wiley Branton, Director
The Voter Education Project, Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

AUG 8 1964

Dear Attorney Branton,

The Greensboro branch of the N.A.A.C.P would like to continue our voter-registration project for ninety days. In order to do this we would need financial help from the Voter Education Project.

We feel that $500.00 per month from the Voter Education Project will take care of the expenses involved in our registration project. Budget for the Local Registration Project is as follows:

Rent	(per month)	65.00
Phone	(" ")	12.00
Clerical Help	(" ")	300.00
Transportation	(" ")	50.00
Publicity	(" ")	73.00

Expenses for 1 month — $500.00
Expenses for 3 months — $1500.00

VEP 4-37

GREENSBORO BRANCH
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
POST OFFICE BOX 1995
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

We certainly hope that the Voter Education Project can help us with this campaign and we would appreciate hearing from you concerning this matter.

Enclosed please find a news article from the Greensboro Record of May 26, 1964 showing some of the results of our last voter-registration project.

Very truly Yours,

George C. Simkins Jr. D.D.S.

President, Greensboro Branch NAACP

Greensboro Record May 26, 1964

Negro Gains Pace Registration Jump

BY CHARLES PRICE
Record Staff Writer

Nearly 17,000 more voters are eligible to cast ballots in the May 30 primary election than were registered in the county four years ago, with gains in Negro listings leading the upward trend.

Guilford County Board of Elections, tabulating registration totals for Greensboro, High Point and rural Guilford, has come up with a whopping total of 94,163.

That figure not only beats the 1960 primary by exactly 16,888; it breaks all previous records and scores an all-time high in county-wide voter registration. It is 2,051 better than the 92,112 recorded for the 1960 general election, which up until now had been the peak.

Registration deadline in 1960 found 77,276 registered voters in the county.

This year the Democrats, as usual, garnered a preponderance of the total, with 72,884. The number is 11,203 greater than 1960's 61,681.

Republicans on the registration books tally up at 17,950, or 5,306 more than the 12,644 who could vote under the GOP label in the 1960 primary.

Registering as independents were 3,329 persons. Their ranks have swelled by 398 from the 2,931 who signed up four years ago.

1,162. Greensboro No. 7—3,535; 2,396. Greensboro No. 8—3,450; 2,159. Greensboro No. 9—1,607; 1,158. Greensboro No. 10—3,285; 2,386. Greensboro No. 11—1,126; 1,374. Greensboro No. 12—2,726; 2,445. Greensboro No. 13 — 2,480; 2,556. Greensboro No. 14—1,283; 1,406. Greensboro No. 15 — 1,349; 1,353. Greensboro 16 — 2,069; 2,160. Greensboro No. 17—1,580; 1,460. Greensboro No. 18—2,254; 1,681. Greensboro No. 19 — 2,426; 1,587. Greensboro No. 20—3,590; 2,309. Greensboro No. 21—2,762; 2,058. Greensboro No. 22 — 1,486; 1,443. Greensboro No. 23—1,597; 1,100. Greensboro No. 24—1,109; 767. Greensboro No. 25—1,202; 655.

High Point No. 1—820; 797. High Point No. 2—917; 1,095. High Point No. 3—1,230; 1,386. High Point No. 4—1,444; 1,445. High Point No. 5—1,955; 1,707. High Point No. 6—1,653; 1,196. High Point No. 7—1,044; 1,237. High Point No. 8—1,158; 904. High Point No. 9—1,766; 1,674. High Point No. 10—1,086; 1,174. High Point No. 11—1,162; 1,174. High Point No. 12—1,703; 1,530. High Point No. 13—953; 1,035. High Point No. 14—887; 878. High Point No. 15—1,018; 945. High Point No. 16—952; 694. High Point No. 17—786; 524. High Point. No. 18—1,091; 889. High Point No. 19—1,105; 666. High Point No. 20—519; 241.

In rural Guilford, the breakdown looked like this:

Bruce—848; 651. North Center Grove—419; 329. South Center Grove—838; 596. Clay—681; 488. Deep River—1,010; 827. Fentress — 1,894; 1,472. Friendship—2,876; 2,139. Gibsonville—941; 986. Greene — 554; 506. Jamestown No. 1—608; 470. Jamestown No. 2—694; 468. Jamestown No. 3—1,289; 977. North Jefferson — 814; 538. South Jefferson—1,384; 945. North Madison—319; 306. South Madison—137; 125. North Monroe—289; 213. South Monroe — 1,944; 1,517. Oak Ridge—619; 448. Stokesdale—569; 488. North Sumner—1,040; 739. South Sumner—1,022; 787. North Washington—279; 252. South Washington—204; 191. Whitsett—393; 295.

Racially, the countywide registration total breaks down to 78,569 white persons and 15,594 Negroes. A rise of 10,407 is noted among white voters this year. There are 6,480 more Negroes eligible to vote May 30 than were on the books in 1960.

Greensboro, with 25 precincts, harbors 40,485 Democrats this year, according to the way they registered. Four years ago, 33,398 persons went on the rolls as Democrats. Municipal Republicans number 7,442, as against 4,991 in 1960. Independents registered to the tune of 1,381. The previous figure was 1,063. Of the 49,308 Greensboro residents signed up to vote this Saturday, 38,572 are white and 10,736 are Negro.

In 1960, there was a total Greensboro registration of 39,452, of which 33,454 were white and 5,998 were Negro.

In High Point's 20 precincts, some 23,249 persons are registered. Four years ago the corresponding total was 21,191. Democrats in the Furniture City number 16,487. There are 5,047 registered Republicans. Some 1,105 High Pointers are registered as independents. The city counts 20,017 eligible white voters, and 3,232 Negroes.

High Point, in 1960, contained 15,710 Democrats; 4,260 Republicans; 1,221 independents; 19,065 white voters; and 2,126 Negroes.

Rural Guilford has 21,606 people who can vote Saturday. In 1960, there were 16,633 persons registered. Comparing current figures with those of 1960, the picture looks like this: Democrats, 15,902, against 12,573; Republicans, 4,861, against 3,413; independents, 843, against 647; whites, 19,980, against 15,643; and Negroes, 1,626, against 990.

The countywide registration figures reveal that there are more women eligible to vote this year than men. Female voters number 48,659. That is in comparison to the 45,504 men who can vote May 30. In 1960, things were a bit more even, but the men still won out. There were 38,924 male voters as against 38,352 women.

Comparisons of registration in individual precincts shape up as follows, with 1964 figures listed first and 1960 tallies second:

Greensboro No. 1—2,053, 1,406. Greensboro No. 2 — 56[illegible] 587. Greensboro No. 3 — 54[illegible] 4[illegible]. Greensboro No. 4—1,5[illegible] 1,75[illegible]. Greensboro No. 5—2,192, 1,568. Greensboro No. 6—1,548;

August 12, 1964

Mr. John Brooks
NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-37

Dear John:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I just wrote to Dr. Morsell concerning a Greensboro, North Carolina, VEP program. We would prefer that all of the bills for this program be paid by you on your VEP voucher checks. If it is necessary, you may send the Greensboro branch a small petty cash fund, but they should account to you for expenditures made from such a fund. The larger items should be paid for by voucher check.

I am sending you a set of financial instructions so that you might familiarize yourself with VEP expenditure requirements, and I am also sending a set to Dr. Simkins.for his information. In the event that there is a need to pay for any printing then we will require a sample of the printed material.

Because of the likelihood of your having other VEP programs in the near future, it will be helpful if you would write on the voucher portion of the check, the name of the city or county for which the expenditure is being made. We request that you send us a carbon of each voucher check written or voided at the end of each week, and we wish progress reporting from your office by the 10th of each month describing the activity of the program for the preceding calendar month, together with information regarding the increase in registration.

Now, if for any reason you do not see where you cannot assume the responsibility imposed upon you in supervising this program, then by all means bring it to our attention at once, as we are concerned about our reporting requirements.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Encl: Copy of letter to Dr. Morsell
Financial Instructions

cc: Dr. John Morsell
Dr. George C. Simkins

August 14, 1964

Dr. George C. Simpkins, Jr.
Greensboro Branch, NAACP
P. O. Box 1995
Greensboro, N.C.

RE: VEP 4-37

Dear Dr. Simpkins:

In addition to any reports on the progress of your voter registration drive that you might send to Mr. Brooks or the national office of the NAACP, we would appreciate reports on our own forms, weekly if possible, to keep us up to date on your work. We are sending a supply of our reporting forms under separate cover.

We are interested in registration results (in exact figures), the number of persons contacted, means of contact, number applying for registration, number rejected, and the reason for rejection. We would appreciate also your discussion of problems encountered, both with officials and in the Negro communities, and plans for solving same.

At the conclusion of the program, we would appreciate a report on the assessment of the effectiveness of your approach to the assignment, as you see it.

If we can be of assistance to you, let us know. We welcome your questions and comments.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
301 East Clay Street Richmond, Virginia 23219
Phone: 644-5678 or 648-2435

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August 21, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Wiley Branton

From: John M. Brooks

Re: VEP Forms

Please send us immediately the necessary forms needed for the VEP. Especially the NAACP Voter Education Project Report form and forms for the financial weekly reports.

VEP 4-37

Kelly M. Alexander, Chairman
W. C. Patton, Field Secretary at Large

John M. Brooks, Director
John W. Edwards, Field Secretary at Large

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August 21, 1964

Dr. George Simkins, Jr.
P.O. Box 1995
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Simkins:

Enclosed you will find a check (#0036) in the amount of $100.00 for your voter registration petty cash fund.

We have on hand in our office, $650.00 and $750.00 in the NAACP National Office earmarked for the Greensboro Branch NAACP Voter Education Program. This money will be distributed according to Instructions for Reporting of VEP Fund Expenditures from this office. This includes the $750.00 being held in the National Office.

We urge you to follow the VEP's instructions on reporting. This is very important because the smooth distribution of funds will depend upon the receiving of correct reports on time in this office.

In the very near future, I will contact you in Greensboro.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

1 encl: check #0036

cc: Dr. John A. Morsell
Wiley A. Branton

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August 31, 1964

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Wiley Branton

From: John M. Brooks

Re: Voter Education Project Funds

Upon receipt of your VEP check for the Greensboro Branch NAACP VEP, we cleared our account in the Consolidated Bank of all NAACP funds and we deposited the check received. From now until the end of our VEP, only VEP funds will be deposited in this account. The number of our first check written against this account is #0036.

VEP 4-31

Kelly M. Alexander, Chairman
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John M. Brooks, Director
John W. Edwards, Field Secretary at Large

NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

SEP 30 1964

Period covered by this report: From September 1 to September 19 1964

Person reporting B. J. Battle

1010 Bellevue — Greensboro — Guilford — North Carolina
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: September 19, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Precinct 8 - Greensboro
Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to door canvass 106

Number instructed at home 62

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 53

Number successfully registered by this project this week 53

Number denied registration in this project this week 10

a. Reason for denial Unable to qualify

Number contacted by other means 12

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 1

a. Reason for refusing to participate Religion

Number of persons successfully registered since the start This month to date 53

Number of workers in this campaign

Remarks We purposely waited until after the vacation season to begin our drive. As of this date, we are in full swing. We are working with the churches, college students and all other persons and organizations who show a desire to increase the vote.

Reports must be sent weekly. From: 301 E. Clay St Richmond, Va. 23219

Note: Attach narrative report to this.

VEP 4-37

September 28, 1964

Mr. John M. Brooks
NAACP
404½ North 2nd Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-37

Dear Mr. Brooks:

We are in need of a financial report regarding the $1,500 grant which was made to NAACP on August 12, 1964, in support of a voter registration program by the North Carolina Branch, NAACP. (Greensboro)

If Dr. Simkins has sent a report to you already, then will you please send a copy of this report to VEP. I am sending Dr. Simkins a copy of this letter with a request that he furnish VEP with a full financial report of this grant in the event that he has not furnished your office with the same.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:ba
cc: Dr. George C. Simkins, Jr.

November 5, 1964

Mr. John Brooks
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Thank you for the financial reporting which we received on October 26. In auditing this report, we realize that you submitted to us proof of expenditures for the $532.57 check which you mailed to Dr. Simkins on October 23. However, we will have to have the pink carbon copy of this check, which according to our records should be check no. 0039.

We have received pink carbons from you up to this number and so that our files will be complete for Internal Revenue purposes, we will have to have this carbon also.

Thank you.

Rec'd
11-16-64

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

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October 23, 1964

Dr. George Simkins, Jr.
P.O. Box 1995
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear George:

We were glad to hear that you had such a successful voter registration drive in Greensboro, North Carolina. However, as I told you in our telephone conversation, we must have a report on the number of new voters you put on the book. Therefore, I am looking for this report, as you promised, by October 27, 1964.

Enclosed you will find a check for $532.57 to cover the expenses of your drive. We will be looking forward to the Greensboro Branch NAACP having a very successful Get Out the Vote drive on November 3, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

cc: Dr. John A. Morsell
Wiley Branton

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September 28, 1964

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Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Dr. George C. Simkins, Jr.

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October 2, 1964

Dr. George C. Simkins
P.O. Box 1995
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Simkins:

Today we received your financial statement, vouchers and receipts of monies spent conducting the Greensboro Branch NAACP voter registration drive in the amount of $457.27. We will forward this information to Mr. Wiley Branton.

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of $357.27. On August 21, 1964 we sent you an advancement of $100.00. The enclosed check is to cover outstanding bills (outstanding bills $457.27 less $100.00 advancement leaving a balance of $357.27 in outstanding bills). We are sending a request to the National Office for an additional $500.00 for your drive.

Please keep in mind that the tardiness of your financial and progress reports interrupted the smooth flow of finance for your project.

We are confident of the success of your project and we will send your additional funds as soon as the National Office makes it available to this office.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

cc: Dr. John A. Morsell
Wiley Branton

Encl: Check #0038

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August 13, 1964

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
209 W. Market Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

RE: VEP 4-38

Dear Mr. Steele:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you make formal request for a grant in the amount of $500 for a registration project in Louisville, Kentucky, as discussed in our earlier telephone conversation.

We are pleased that we can make this grant, and this marks our first venture into the state of Kentucky. Our check in the amount of $500 is enclosed herein, and we will require that you open a special checking account for the sole use of VEP funds.

We normally require the use of triplicate voucher checks with weekly financial reporting, but because of the comparatively small size of your grant, and the short duration of the program, these requirements are being waived. You may use regular bank checks and give us an accounting in full at the completion of your program. I am enclosing a set of standard instructions and have checked those which would be most applicable to your project. You will note that no portion of the funds may be used in support of partisan politics in any manner whatsoever.

VEP is primarily a research program, and we therefore solicit your cooperation in furnishing us with as much information regarding your program as possible. We would appreciate it if you would make a special effort to send us a copy of any news articles or advertisements concerning your program, and copies of programs, leaflets, or circulars, etc., and a description of how your program was conducted and the results achieved.

It is important that you gather materials as your program progresses, but you may hold them and add them in with the final report at the completion of your project in early September.

Best wishes for a successful program, and if we can be of any further help, then let us know.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Encls: $500 check
Instructions

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August 12, 1964

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Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This letter is a follow-up of my telephone conversation with you requesting a grant of Five Hundred dollars ($500.00) to assist us in carrying out the Voter Education and Registration Project the Louisville Urban League is undertaking. This will be a joint effort in which the following groups beside the Urban League are participating: The NAACP, The League of Women Voters, The Louisville and Vicinity Baptist Ministers and Deacons Association, The Interdemoninational Alliance, the National Council of Negro Women, The Women United for Social Action, the Louisville Defender Newspaper and the Allied Organizations for Civil Rights (AOCR). The last named group is a coordinating group for some other groups and agencies interested in the field of civil rights.

As you well know, the Project will be carried on strictly on a non-partisan basis and literature which will be distributed will emphasize this fact. Already we have started ringing doorbells and setting up transportation committees and planning a mass rall y this coming Monday. The ministers are pushing the project in all of their churches and booths will be set up in the various churches with materials for individuals who have moved to sign noting their new address.

I will keep you informed as to our future activities.

Sincerely yours,

Charles T. Steele

Charles T. Steele
Executive Director

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August 14, 1964

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
209 W. Market Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

RE: VEP 4-38

Dear Mr. Steele:

We would appreciate receiving a weekly report in which you report registration results (in exact figures), the number of persons contacted, means of contact, number applying for registration, number rejected, and the reason for rejection. We would appreciate also your discussion of problems encountered, both with officials and in the Negro communities, and plans for solving same.

We are sending you, under separate cover, the forms necessary for making your statistical report to us.

At the conclusion of the program, we would appreciate a report of the assessment of the effectiveness of your approach to the assignment, as you see it.

If we can be of assistance to you, let us know. We welcome your questions and comments.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

August 21, 1964

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
209 W. Market Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

RE: VEP 4-38

Dear Mr. Steele:

Mr. Branton has pointed out to me the extremely short period your voter education program covers. Since it would be too dificult for you to prepare weekly reports, please ignore my letter of August 14, and concentrate instead on a comprehensive report at the end of the program.

I certainly hope I have not caused you any inconvenience.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Boond Moore
Research Assistant

JMV

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August 24, 1964

Mrs. Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
Room 206 5 Forsyth Street NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Thanks ever so much for your letter stating that weekly reports would not be necessary due to the short period of our Voter Education Project.

I will give you a comprehensive report at the end as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Charles T. Steele

Charles T. Steele
Executive Director

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AUG 25 1964

August 24, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thanks for the $500 grant to our Voter Education Project. We are now hard at work and it is certainly bearing results. We have also gotten newspaper coverage and we are now in the process of seeking TV and radio coverage.

As of September 5 when our project ends, I will give you a detailed accounting of our expenditures as well as a complete report of our activities.

Sincerely yours,

Charles T. Steele

Charles T. Steele
Executive Director

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September 29, 1964

Dr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.
Louisville Urban League
209 W. Market Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

RE: VEP 4-38

Dear Dr. Parrish:

Now that your registration deadline has passed in Kentucky, will you please send us a complete financial report regarding the $500 grant which was made to the Louisville Urban League on August 13, 1964, together with a narrative report describing your registration program and the results achieved?

It would also be helpful if you could send us a copy of any news articles, circulars, or other materials published in connection with your registration program. We would appreciate it if you would get this information to us by October 10, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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October 2, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206 - 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Dr. Parrish turned your letter inquiring about the Voter Education Project here in Louisville over to me to answer. You would have received a report sooner but I have been in Washington for the past two (2) weeks.

I may say at this time that it was quite successful and we are proud of the results accomplished. I am now waiting to get the figures so that I may incorporate them in my report to you. You will receive the information by October 10th as requested in your letter.

Please accept our thanks for making it possible for us to participate in the project.

Sincerely yours,

Charlie

Charles T. Steele
Executive Director

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cc: Dr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.

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October 27, 1964

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
209 W. Market Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

RE: VEP 4-38

Dear Charlie:

In your letter of October 2, you promised that I ". . .will receive the information by October 10 as requested in your letter." Can we please have a financial report, together with a refund of any unused portion of the grant, and a narrative report describing your registration program and the results obtained?

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Dr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.

Another letter written 11/24/64 by JL.

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November 6, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project - Southern Regional Council
Room 206 - 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

I am sending you a complete report of our activities in the Voter Education Project.

I certainly wish to thank you and the Southern Regional Council for the financial support you gave our project because without it we would not have been able to do the job we did. If I may say so, I feel that our campaign was a success.

I will send you the financial account of our project the first of next week.

My very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Charlie

Charles T. Steele
Executive Director

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Enclosures

PS. You have SU letter on Steele. Please attach to this. J

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT
LOUISVILLE URBAN LEAGUE
209 WEST MARKET STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202

Charles T. Steele - Executive Director

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The Louisville Urban League Voter Education Project started August 5, 1964 and continued until the morning of Tuesday, November 3, 1964.

The Project was divided into two (2) phases - one which extended from August 5th through September 6th. This was the period during which time the Registration Offices were opened for change of registration, change of party, change of address or new residents. The last phase from September 7th through November 2nd was devoted to emphasizing the importance of voting on November 3rd.

In the first phase, the League worked in cooperation with the following organizations:

- Allied Organizations for Civil Rights (A.O.C.R.)
- Independent Voters Association
- Women United for Social Action
- N.A.A.C.P.
- League of Women Voters
- The Louisville Defender (newspaper)
- Inter-denominational Ministers Alliance (representatives of all of the protestant denomination with the exception of the Baptist)
- Louisville and Vicinity Ministers and Deacons (Baptist group)
- United Church Women of Louisville
- Youth Chapter N.A.A.C.P.
- National Council of Negro Women

We operated on a budget of $2,500 - $2,000 coming from the other cooperating organizations and $500 from the Urban League as a result of a $500 grant from the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council. Mrs. Lucille R. Madry and Mr. Charles T. Steele served as Coordinating Chairmen. Main headquarters for the Project was located in the Independent

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Voters Association Building. Stationed here were two (2) part-time secretaries who, together with volunteers from the other sponsoring organizations, mimeographed materials, mailed out letters, made telephone calls to workers, calls to potential registrants and formed the central quarters for the car-pools and other related activities.

Our Project was kicked off with a Mammoth Mass Rally held in Shawnee Park which was strictly on a non-partisan basis. Representatives of the various sponsoring organizations, government officials - including the Mayor, all spoke on the importance of voting. At this time, handbills and other materials were distributed to the general audience and attendance was estimated at approximately 500 people.

Due to Urban Renewal, a goodly number of people had moved. An effort was made to find these people and take them either to the Registration Offices or get a promise from them to go themselves. The Managers of the Municipal Housing Projects located in the West End where the majority of Negroes live, gave our organization, which we called the Louisville Registration Coordinating Committee, the names of all of the tenants who had moved into their projects since the last election. This was done under the direction of Mrs. Young of the League of Women Voters. Each one of these individuals was contacted wherever possible in addition to mailing letters containing voter registration cards and other materials when we were unable to contact them personally.

The ministers cooperated by preaching sermons on the importance of voting and we assisted them in setting up areas in their churches where people in the neighborhood could come in and sign for change of registration as the registration laws allowed anyone to turn in cards as long as they were properly witnessed. Special assistance was given to the ministers of the

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various churches to set up, within their churches, committees to find out people who needed to register. Car-pools were formed and transportation was provided, where necessary, to the Registration Offices.

On several occasions, sound trucks were sent through the various neighborhoods urging people to register. In the meantime, buttons, handbills, door knob hangers, posters and bumper strips were all distributed. This distribution was done by volunteers, Boy Scouts and other interested persons. Neighborhoods were saturated with this material. Tape recordings, television facilities, spot announcements and newspaper publicity were widely used. As you may realize our efforts were beamed primarily to the Negro population but all radio and television stations were covered with this material. The handbills, copies of which are enclosed, urging people to register and vote were inserted in every paper of the Louisville Defender (weekly newspaper) for two (2) issues. Discussion panels and addresses urging people to vote and register were also carried live and filmed on the radio and television stations.

It is impossible to get figures seperating Negro registrations from white since they are not kept that way on record. It is also difficult to get them by census tract at this particular time because due to Urban Renewal ethnic patters in neighborhoods have changed tremendously within the last 2 years so it would be possible only to give a guess. When the Registration Books closed just prior to the May Primary registration was as follows:

City:	88,204	Democrats	County:	51,109	Democrats
	54,644	Republicans		33,620	Republicans
	12,856	Independents		7,770	Independents
	155,704			92,499	

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When the Registration Books were re-opened for registering after the Primary voting and as of September 6th when they closed again, registration was as follows:

City:	102,523	Democrats	County:	60,669	Democrats
	59,783	Republicans		38,943	Republicans
	14,833	Independents		9,624	Independents
	177,139			109,236	

After purging, those eligible to vote in the November 3rd election registration were as follows:

City:	93,209	Democrats	County:	57,657	Democrats
	53,272	Republicans		37,359	Republicans
	13,491	Independents		9,068	Independents
	159,972			104,084	

The second phase of the Project which extended from September 6th to November 3rd was encouraging individuals to vote. Most of this work was done by the Urban League and its various organizational groups. This consisted of continuing to pass out material on the importance of going to the polls and voting.

The Louisville Defender (newspaper) held its Twenty-seventh Annual Exposition and Home Show at which time (according to the best estimate available at this time) 40,000 people attended. This was a two (2) day and four (4) night affair. The Louisville Urban League had a booth which was manned by volunteers at all times, and at this Exposition voter education materials as previously mentioned were distributed.

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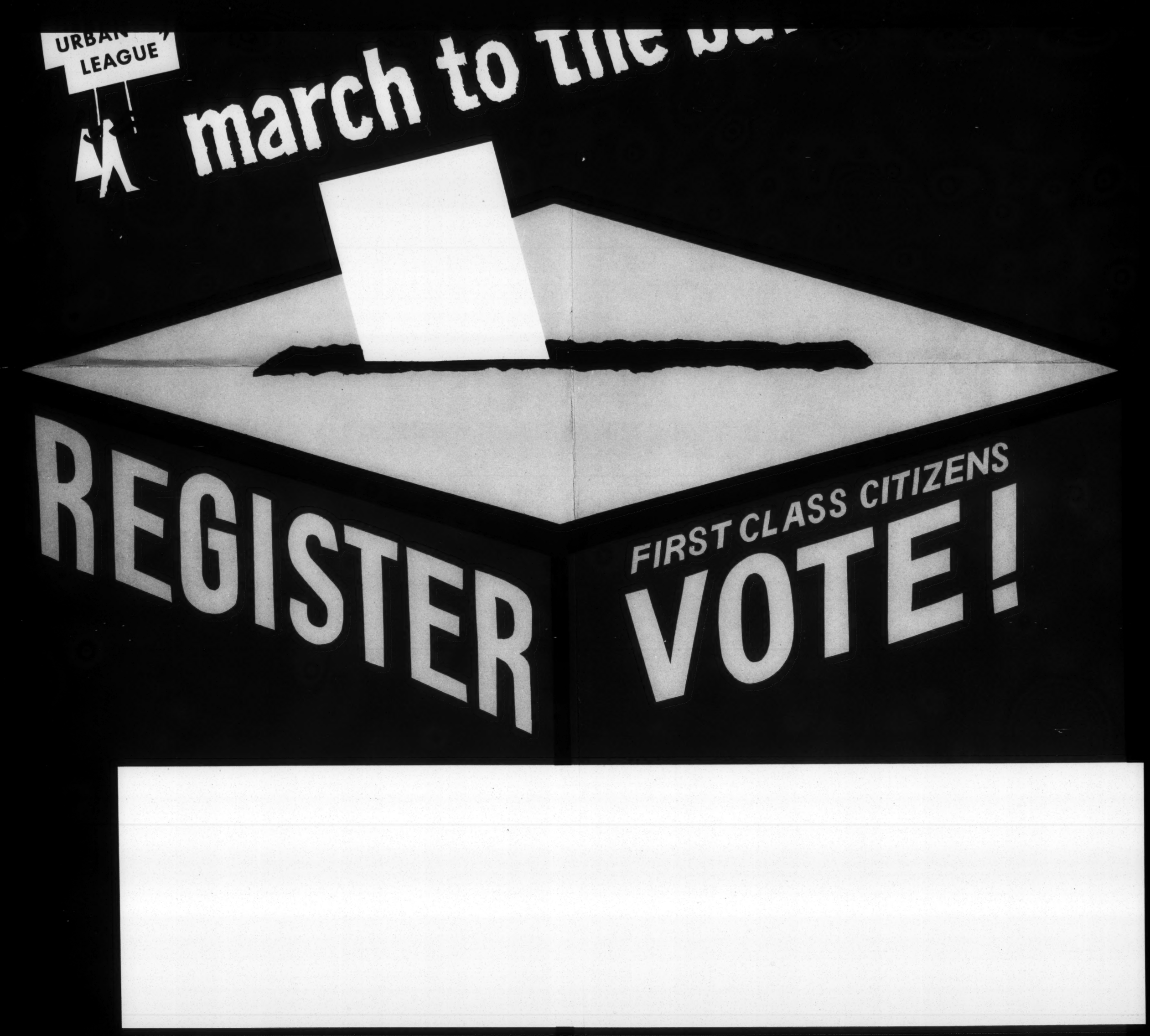
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November 24, 1964

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
209 W. Market St.
Louisville, Ky. 402020

Dear Charlie:

I must have the final financial report I requested in my letter of October 27, along with a check for any unused portion of your grant. As you know, the Voter Education Project is in its terminal phase and we must close the books on your project.

Sincerely,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

P.S. We must have also the narrative report I requested in the same letter.

December 29, 1964

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
209 W. Market Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

RE: VEP 4-38

Dear Charlie:

I know that $500 is mere petty cash for most local Urban Leagues, but we require a financial accounting of even this small amount, and your delay in sending it to us causes the same problems as a larger grant would create. Please - ?

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

WB

M E M O R A N D U M January 6, 1965

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: VEP 4-28 - Final Report of Accounting
(Louisville Urban League)

Grant: $500.00

No report can be made since no accounting was ever received from this project. This memo is for the purpose of closing the financial files only.

jl

FINANCIAL COPY

January 11, 1965

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
209 W. Market Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202 RE: VEP 4-38

Dear Charlie:

The Voter Education Project was only supposed to work in eleven southern states which did not include Kentucky but I assumed the personal responsibility to make the $500 grant to Louisville following a request fromDr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.

We are desperately trying to close out all of our financial accounting, and it is embarrassing to me that I have not received an accounting of the $500 grant which was made to the Louisville Urban League, and causes me to constantly have to explain why the grant was made in the first place.

I understand that this grant was mixed with other funds to support an ~~over-all~~ budget, and if you will send us an accounting of your ~~over-all~~ expenditures, this will suffice at this late date.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Dr. C. H. Parrish, Jr.

WB —

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January 15, 1965

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Enclosed herewith is the report on the $500.00 which you advanced to the Louisville Urban League to conduct its Voter Education Program.

I am enclosing some photostat copies of the checks which I have available. As I mentioned to you over the telephone, Mrs. Madry who was the overall Chairman has not been able to locate the checks which are missing. She is continuing to look for them and as soon as she finds them, I will send them on to you.

Sincerely yours,

Charlie

Charles T. Steele
Executive Director

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Enclosure

JL: I suggest that we write this one with this report unless you think otherwise
WB

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MEMBER HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

MEMBER AGENCY LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY CHEST

LOUISVILLE URBAN LEAGUE
209 WEST MARKET STREET
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202

EXPENDITURES FROM FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR ($500.00) GRANT FOR THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

$ 120.00	-	Salary for two (2) Secretaries
113.50	-	Grieb Printing Company (handbills)
50.00	-	Shackleton (use of organ at Rally)
82.56	-	White Printing Company (posters, envelopes, placards)
52.78	-	Lang Company (Rental of Mimeograph Machine) stencils, ink and paper
7.54	-	Marchbanks Secretarial Service (Ink and stamp pad, stencils)
10.00	-	Petty cash (lunches for overtime workers, coffee, etc.)
26.00	-	Postage
22.00	-	Gasoline and expenses for transportation and delivery of supplies
8.81	-	Maps and erasers
4.00	-	Bank Charges
4.50	-	Mimeographing
$501.69	-	GRAND TOTAL

Respectfully submitted,

Lucille R. Madry, Chairman

Charles T. Steele, Treasurer

JAN 20 1965

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January 25, 1965

Mr. Wiley B. Branton, Project Director
Voter Registration Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

I am enclosing copies of some additional checks which the Treasurer of our Voter Education Campaign has turned over to me. Sorry to have inconvenienced you.

With best wishes I am,

Sincerely yours,

Charlie

Charles T. Steele
Executive Director

CTS/lhf

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MEMBER HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL

MEMBER AGENCY LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY CHEST

WB

M E M O RA N D U M January 28, 1965

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-38
(Louisville Urban League)

Grant:		$500.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Prom. & Print.	$246.06	
Meals	10.00	
Office Supplies	69.13	
Postage	26.00	
Salaries	124.50	
Tran. & Trav.	22.00	
Bank Charges	4.00	) 501.69
Overaccounted		($ 1.69)

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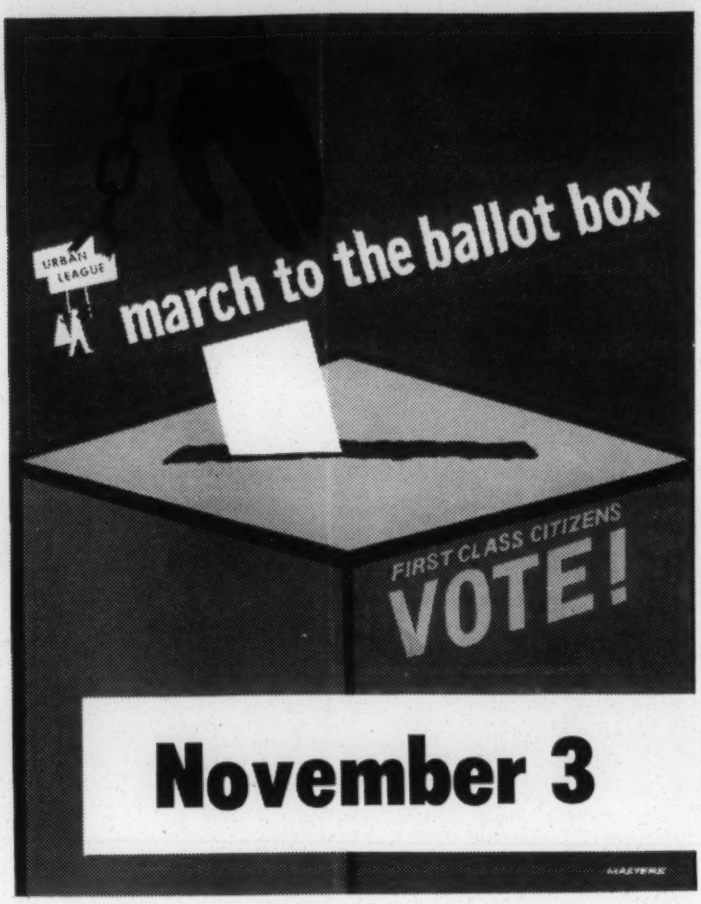

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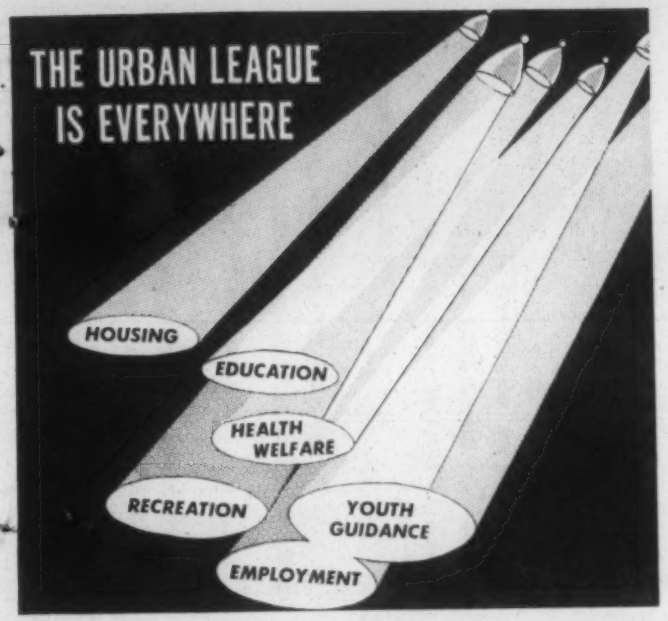
MARCH TO THE BALLOT BOX

AND **VOTE**

November 3, 1964



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In Education:

Cooperates with other community organizations seeking to improve school facilities and programs.

In Community Services:

Works for cleaner and more attractive neighborhoods with better services and facilities.

In Youth Incentives:

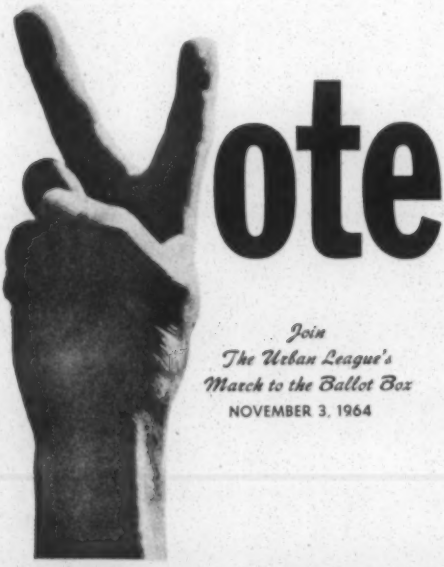
To broaden the vocational horizons of minority group youths and to help these youths achieve more meaningful and realistic preparations for careers in tomorrow's economy.

In Health:

Seeks more and better health facilities for all citizens. Carriers on a program of education in the use of available health services.

In Industrial Relations:

Works systematically with management, labor, government agencies and the general public in an effort to secure job placement for Negroes according to their skills and abilities. Seeks employment for professional, skilled and semi-skilled persons on the basis of qualifications.



YOUR URBAN LEAGUE ACTS EVERY DAY TO:

GET JOBS FOR NEGRO CITIZENS BY — finding qualified workers and placing them in jobs, by helping companies integrate their work force, by opening new opportunities.

PUT FAMILIES INTO CLEAN AND DECENT HOUSING BY – finding available housing for Negro citizens, by working for slum clearance programs, by organizing community action to integrate neighborhoods, by helping Negroes improve their present living quarters.

GET BETTER SCHOOLS BY – informing the community, teachers and principals about the needs and problems of young Negro people, by meeting with parents to explain the importance of education, by motivating young people through "back-to-school" campaigns, career conferences and after-school tutoring sessions and by exerting every possible effort to get the best teachers and the best teaching materials to help Negro youngsters "catch up."

IMPROVE SKILLS – THROUGH SPECIAL TRAINING BY – sponsoring training and retraining programs to help Negro citizens develop and improve skills. Through these programs, thousands of men and women have become good secretaries, technicians, cab drivers, teachers, bank employees and a wide variety of industrial workers.

STRENGTHEN FAMILY LIFE BY – providing information on family problems such as budgeting income, by organizing citizen groups to welcome newly arrived Negro families, by acquainting these families with the various health services, by urging appointment of Negroes to school boards, planning councils and other community agencies.

YOUR URBAN LEAGUE MEANS EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

URBAN LEAGUE

VOTERS GUIDE

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A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM WHITNEY YOUNG, JR.

Those who fail to serve freedom increase the dangers of losing it. Those who fail to answer freedom's call invite enemies of freedom to act. Those who fail to vote lessen the chances of establishing equal opportunities in housing, employment, education, health and welfare services. Voting is your privilege and right.

Your vote on November 3 will help the Urban League get better jobs for Negro citizens, put families into clean and more decent housing, get better schools and strengthen family life.

Don't let *weak* excuses, *bad* weather, lack of transportation, or baby sitting problems keep you from the polls. Call your local Urban League office for whatever non-partisan assistance you need. They are ready to help you.

This registration and voting campaign that the Urban League is conducting is seen as a wholesome and constructive alternative to unfocused and undisciplined mass demonstrations, and to the recent riots that have flared up in some communities.

Now is the time for you to serve the cause of freedom by assuming a more responsible role in community life and utilizing established institutions to seek relief for grievances. This is not an effort aimed at supporting or defeating any particular candidate — and certainly it is not aimed at any political party. Our responsibility clearly stops at the point of getting Negro citizens to assume their citizenship responsibility by registering and voting — and leaving to their own judgement the decision as to the particular candidates they will or will not support, based on their understanding of the issues.

Now is the time to get better informed on election procedures in your state by reading this guide, and for any additional information, call your local Urban League.

Now is the time to become a first class citizen by answering freedom's call and joining the Urban League's march to the ballot box on November 3, 1964.

Whitney M. Young, Jr.
September 1964

HOW TO VOTE

You must go to the polling place determined by your neighborhood.

You give your name and address to the checker.

Your name will be checked against the official voting list – and you are ready to cast your vote.

YOUR SECRET WEAPON

There are two methods of voting that are used generally throughout the United States – the paper ballot and the voting machine. The following instructions should be helpful.

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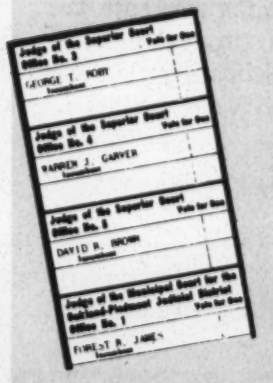
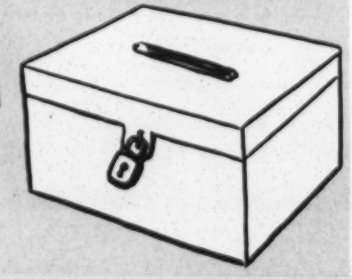
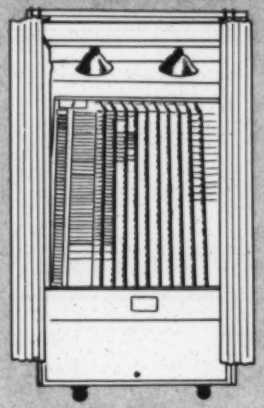
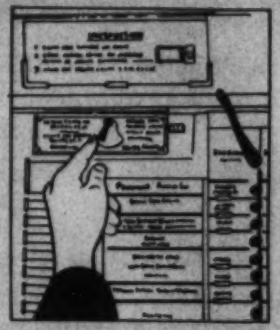


The names of the candidates and the parties they represent are printed on the Ballot. You place a mark next to the candidate of your choice, fold your ballot, and drop it in a box set aside for that purpose.



THE CARD PUNCH VOTING MACHINE





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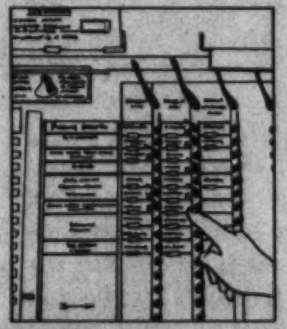
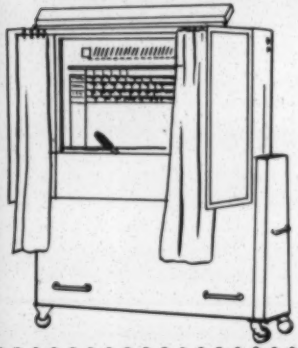


2 Second – turn voting levers down by names of candidates of your choice until X mark appears.

3 Third – turn red switch to the left. This registers your vote and then opens the curtain.

THE AUTOMATIC VOTING MACHINE



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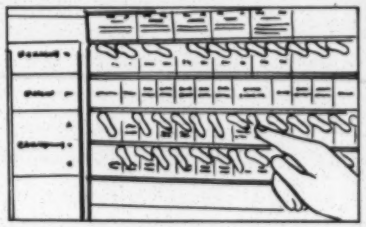
Move handle to the right. This closes the curtain

2 turn down voting pointer over the name of each candidate for whom you wish to vote. Turn pointer down over "yes" or "no" of each question. *LEAVE VOTING POINTERS DOWN.*



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YOUR VOTE IS SECRET — YOU ENTER THE VOTING BOOTH ALONE

Let Your Voice Be Heard

Go To The Polls and Vote on November 3, 1964

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING — BY STATE

In order to be able to Register and Vote — you must live in:

Your State	Your County	Your Precinct
Alabama — 1 yr.[a]	6 mos.	3 mos.
Alaska — 1 yr.	—	30 days
Arizona — 1 yr.[b]	30 days	30 days
Arkansas — 1 yr.[a]	6 mos.	30 days
California — 1 yr.[b]	90 days	54 days
Colorado — 1 yr.	90 days	15 days
Connecticut 1 yr.	6 mos.	
Delaware — 1 yr.	3 mos.	30 days
District of Columbia[c]	1 yr.	
Florida — 1 yr.	6 mos.	
Georgia — 1 yr.	6 mos.	
Hawaii — 1 yr.		3 mos.
Idaho — 6 mos.	30 days	30 days
Illinois — 1 yr.[b]	90 days	30 days
Indiana — 6 mos.	60 days	60 days
Iowa — 6 mos.	60 days	10 days
Kansas — 6 mos.[b]	30 days	30 days
Kentucky — 1 yr.	6 mos.	60 days
Louisiana — 1 yr.	6 mos.	3 mos.
Maine — 6 mos.		3 mos.
Maryland — 1 yr.	6 mos.	
Massachusetts — 1 yr.		6 mos.
Michigan — 6 mos.		30 days
Minnesota — 6 mos.		30 days
Mississippi — 2 yrs.[a]	1 yr.	1 yr.
Missouri — 1 yr.[b]	60 days	60 days
Montana — 1 yr.	30 days	30 days
Nebraska — 6 mos.	40 days	10 days
Nevada — 6 mos.	30 days	10 days
New Hampshire — 6 mos.	6 mos.	6 mos.
New Jersey — 6 mos.	60 days	
New Mexico — 1 yr.	90 days	30 days
New York — 1 yr.	4 mos.	30 days
North Carolina — 1 yr.		30 days
North Dakota — 1 yr.	90 days	30 days
Ohio — 1 yr.	40 days	40 days
Oklahoma — 1 yr.	6 mos.	30 days
Oregon — 6 mos.[b]		
Pennsylvania — 1 yr.		2 mos.
Rhode Island — 1 yr.		6 mos.
South Carolina — 1 yr.	6 mos.	3 mos.
South Dakota — 1 yr.	90 days	30 days
Tennessee — 1 yr.	3 mos.	
Texas — 1 yr.	6 mos.	
Utah — 1 yr.	4 mos.	60 days
Vermont — 1 yr.	3 mos.	3 mos.
Virginia — 1 yr.	6 mos.	30 days
Washington — 1 yr.	90 days	30 days
West Virginia — 1 yr.	60 days	
Wisconsin — 1 yr.[b]		10 days
Wyoming — 1 yr.	60 days	10 days

(You must be 21 years of age — except in the following states:

Georgia and Kentucky	— 18 Years
Alaska	— 19 years
Hawaii	— 20 years

Special note:

a — the state requires a poll tax.

b — If you have recently moved to this state from another state where you were a qualified voter — the present residence laws will be reduced when voting for president and vice president.

c — Residents of the District of Columbia may vote in the Presidential elections beginning 1964.

JOIN THE MARCH TO THE BALLOT BOX AND VOTE!

Courtesy of your

URBAN LEAGUE

TO BECOME A VOTER YOU MUST:

Be of an age required by your state

A citizen of the United States

A resident of your state for the length of time required by local law

Able to read English

Of good moral character

Mentally sound

TO BE MADE A VOTER YOU MUST:

BE REGISTERED. The dates for registration are different in each state. Check your local newspaper, radio, ask a neighbor or call your town or municipal clerk for the dates set aside in your town.

Registration requirements also vary. Some states ask for proof of some schooling, and some states require that you take a literacy test to prove your reading and writing ability. These tests are not hard, and you can usually get a sample to study beforehand.

To register – you will go to the place set aside for that purpose – and fill out the necessary forms. Your name is then placed on the official voting list.

Election Talk

Every human experience has a language of its own, and election talk is no exception. Here are some words that you will hear frequently – and how they came about.

BANDWAGON – a fancy decorated wagon that carried musicians that led a circus parade. First used as a political term in 1840, when the Whigs (formed in opposition to the Democratic party) used a circus wagon and the candidates jumped on it to be seen.

CAMPAIGN – means "field" in the military sense. It replaced the word *canvass*, which was the popular term for political contests. As more people began to vote, and more candidates ran against each other, they began to compare the contests to a military campaign.

CANDIDATE – means shining or white. In ancient Rome, a person seeking elective office always wore a white toga – to suggest pure motives – and no underclothing to make it easier to show battle scars. They came to be called candidatus – which became candidate.

FAVORITE SON – a political leader who is well known in his own state – rather than nationally.

STUMPING – electioneering around the country. In the old days a candidate seeking votes in rural areas would stand on the stump of a tree.

VOTE – means 'wish" or "desire" –

Make your wish for a better life come true by casting your VOTE.

URBAN LEAGUE MARCH TO BALLOT BOX

VOTE

OPPORTUNITY

EQUALITY

August 13, 1964

Mr. Ira M. Lechner
2901 N. John Marshall Drive
Arlington 7, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-39

Dear Mr. Lechner:

Following receipt of your letter of August 4 in which you requested a grant in the amount of $550 in support of your registration campaign in the Tenth Congressional District in Virginia, I talked with Mr. Marvin Rich in the CORE national office. Where VEP makes a grant involving any affiliate of a national organization, we follow the procedure of making the grant through the national organization. We require the use of triplicate voucher checks, and the CORE national office is already equipped to handle this, and they have agreed to administer your grant.

We have today approved your request in full, and we are sending our check to the CORE national office in the full amount of $550. Mr. Rich will arrange for the payment of such proper bills as you may submit to him from your program up to the amount of the grant. If you need a petty cash fund, then I am sure that Mr. Rich can arrange to send you a check for such purposes, and let you account to him later for the petty cash expenses. Where you are ordering printed materials, it will be necessary that VEP be furnished with a copy of all printed materials.

As a guide for you in connection with making expenditures, I am enclosing a standard set of VEP financial instructions and have checked those which will be applicable specifically to your project.

VEP will want to know as much about your program as possible, and we therefore request that you write us in detail concerning

your plans and how your program is getting along, and it would be helpful if you would send us any news clips which might appear in various papers in your district concerning your registration activities. We would also like information concerning the number of registered voters in each county or city, and by all means, the results in terms of any registration which you are able to get as a result of your project.

You should write to Mr. Rich immediately and give him some idea of you immediate needs so that arrangements can be made accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encls: Financial instructions
cc: Mr. Marvin Rich (encl: $550 check)
CORE
38 Park Row
New York, New York

Rec'd 8/6/64 WB JM JT

2901 N. John Marshall Drive
Arlington 7, Virginia
August 4, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Director, Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Enclosed is a memorandum detailing the concentrated efforts now underway in Northern Virginia. I am happy to report that we received the enthusiastic support of over 50 persons at our first registration worker's workshop. This very evening our workers begin an organized, planned door-to-door canvass. Having finished the organizational planning in Arlington County, the steering committee is now about to turn our attention to Alexandria and Fairfax County. We have appointed chairmen of those areas, liason has been established with the ministers and key worker-personnel, and we intend to have the organizational planning efforts completed in those areas within the next two weeks. The steering committee will on occasion return its attention to Arlington to make sure that the canvassing phase of the operation is proceeding on schedule.

I cannot begin to tell you how vital it is to our entire effort in Northern Virginia to have John Robinson working on a full-time basis. All of us are volunteers who have other jobs and as this campaign grows it requires full-time attention. Our projected budget, which is enclosed as well, is necessarily sketchy as we frankly do not know the extent of our costs until we incur them. We will continue to keep you informed.

I wish to express the gratitude of the entire steering committee, as well I am sure of all of the workers, for your interest in our work. I am confident that with your help we can multiply the registration figures in the Tenth District of Virginia by five times. In the name of Northern Virginia CORE, sponsor of the project, I request an allocation of funds.

Sincerely yours,

Ira M. Lechner

Ira M. Lechner

VEP 4-39

MEMORANDUM DETAILING VOTER REGISTRATION
CAMPAIGN IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

It has been estimated that there are 10,000 unregistered Negroes in the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia. By virtue of a recent Federal court decision, previously unregistered persons may now register up to October 3, 1964 without the payment of a poll tax. There is no literacy requirement and registrars are cooperative. The only impediment to getting the previously unregistered to register and vote is to get those persons to the registrars and then to the polls. There are precinct registrars in each neighborhood who will register persons each evening from now until October 3.

The C.O.R.E. chapter of Northern Virginia has sponsored a voter registration campaign and has pledged that this single task shall be its primary activity until election day. Every other civil rights group in the area, in addition to many persons not previously connected with any group, have agreed to support the drive and to contribute personnel. The NAACP, CCSP, Catholic Inter-racial Council, the Human Relations Councils, and the social action committees of several churches have all participated. Approximately 100 persons are expected to participate in a house-by-house, block-by-block campaign of personal visits to every Negro family in Northern Virginia. Teams of precint-sweepers are organized for each weekday evening. These intergrated teams will attack each neighborhood at a time, obtaining on 3 by 5 cards the names of every adult in each house, whether they are registered, and make appointments with the unregistered for some evening that same week with a precint registrar. On the appointed evening, each unregistered person will be picked up in his home by an automobile driver, driven to the registrar, and then returned home. A squad of drivers have volunteered to drive on given evenings of the week. Other persons have agreed to check the information obtained by the sweepers against the voter registration listsand to compile up to date card files of registered and unregistered voters.

In order to guarantee that all persons have been covered and that all persons who have not previously registered are persuaded to do so, those persons who resist the efforts of the precint sweepers will first be telephoned by community leaders and then visited by those leaders in order to convince them of the necessity for registering and voting. In addition, each of the seven Negro ministers in Arlington have agreed to participate actively, to preach registration from the pulpit, and to sponsor a friendly competition between the churches to insure that each church has 100% of their membership registered. To this end, 10 foot signs are being erected in front of each church with the outlines of thermometer on the signs. Each week the thermometer will be filled in in red until 100% of the membership is registered.

Thus, a friendly competition between the churches will take place with the result that ministers and church elders alike will encourage the entire congregation to register lest their church be placed in an embarassing position publicly. In addition, the ministers will lead their congregations in a pledgewhich declares that it is their Christian duty to get one unregistered person each to register. Other methods that will be used to obtain new registrants will be periodic rallies; an evening of entertainment by a "name" entertainer with admission only by presenting a registration card; and concerts of freedom songs on street corners in the Negro neighborhoods on Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings with workers going through the crowds that gather and making appointments with registrars. Another method to be used will be a weekly "honor roll" of new registrants for the previous week. These honor rolls will be posted on each church bulletin boardand will be placed also in every store window where Negroes shop.

Registration workers will wear cardboard badges with the legend "Freedom Now Register Now". Cars bringing persons to the registrars will have banners across the doors bearing the same legend. Detailed instruction sheets have been issued to each worker as to the method of convincing the unregistered to register. The entire effort is calculated to create a new community spirit and to make the unregistered feel that they are, by registering, taking part in a larger movement. On election day, each block will have a sign designating that a "bus" will stop there to take people to the polls. A fleet of Volkswagon buses or cars, each bearing the "freedom now vote now" slogan, will make continuous trips along regularly scheduled routes and will stop at the "bus" stops to pick up and take persons to the polls. Between Oct. 3 and Nov. 3, each registered person will be contacted, reminding them of the election, and informing them of the "freedom now bus line".

The plans outlined above depend, of course, upon the efforts of responsible leaders who will work with diligence. We believe we have such a groupand each part of the operation has been delegated to one responsible person. However, the operation really depends upon the effort of John Robinson of Arlington. He has organized the precint workers, appointed block chairman, and through his untiring efforts has personally registered almost 200 persons in less than two months. As the leader of this larger effort, we hope to multiply that figure by 30 times in the next two months. Without any money and lacking any means of transportation other than buses, Mr. Robinson has done a remarkable job of molding the leadership, obtaining the cooperation of the ministers and organizing the precint workers, and more importantly, of gaining the trust and respect of the people.

Ira M. Lechner,
Registration Coordinator

Estimate of Expenses for "Freedom Now
Register Now" Campaign

1. 10,000 printed flyers of one page containing on one half of the page a picture of a Negro being menaced while registering in Mississippi with the words "Registration in Mississippi" written over the picture, and the other half of the page containing a picture of a Negro quietly registering at a desk, with the legend written over it of "Registration in Northern Virginia". The legend at the bottom of the page will read"That's all it takes here. Register now". Cost $100.00

2. Banners, badges, and signs. Cost $100.00

3. Mimeographing of letter to be sent all unregistered voters signed by the ministers urging registration, and postage for same. Cost..... $250.00

4. Refreshments for large precint workers meetings. Cost..... $50.00

5. Paper, Index cards, pens, clip-boards, envelopes, etc. Cost.... $50.00

Total preliminary costs ... $550.00

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: CORE - Voter Registration Project

Period covered by this report: From 8/16/64 to 8/22/64

Person reporting Ira M. Lechner, Coordinator

2901 John Marshall Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22207
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 8/30/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Arlington County, Va. (Alexandria and Fiarfax County are in the process of organizing)

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 600

Number instructed at home not applicable to this area. No literacy test is required.

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week ~~136~~ 156

Number successfully registered by this project this week 156

Number denied registration in this project this week not applicable.
Registration is denied only for gross illiteracy or non-fulfillment of
a. Reason for denial residence requirements.

Number contacted by other means 60 by phone (persons who when originally contacted askedusto call them back to set an appointment)
a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 10

a. Reason for refusing to participate lack of interest in voting.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 406

Number of workers in the campaign about 115. (this includes canvassers, telephoners and clerical workers. Many work very irregularly.

Remarks

As of this date an initial canvass of Arlington County's Negro neighborhoods was half completed. The number of persons registered represents the persons most readily responsive. Lists of residuals (ie. persons who said they were registered but who are not; persons who said they would register themselves; persons who made appointments and didn't kepp them; persons who wanted to be contacted again; "non-at-homes", and special problems) presents at least twice the number of potential registrants as have already been obtained during the drive.

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At the end of the week covered by this report, a team of telephoners and special canvassers were assigned the initial tasks of contacting residuals and making future appointments for them to register. Hopefully these residuals will start registering in large numbers in the following weeks. At the same time the initial canvass of Negro neighborhoods continues.

Special projects which have intangible results have also been coducted: 1, a sound truck broadcasting our message in the Negro neighborhoods of Arlington one entire Sunday; 2, cooperation with the ministers evidenced both from the pulpit and in conversations with parishioners; 3, eight-foot high thermometers outside of each church recording the percentage of registered voters promoting a friendly inter-church competition; 4, canvassers stationed in church vestries meeting the people and making appointmentsafter services.

Initial organization of a duplicate drive in Fairfax County with Fairfax personnel was begun. Difficulties were encountered because the League of Women Voters was organizing a county-wide registration drive, and time was lost convincing workers that a separate drive aimed at Negroes ~~would~~ should be started.

Alexandria presents a particularly trying situation as local leadership there is suspicious of themotivation behind our drive and offer no cooperation to us. Efforts have been made to reconcile two competing groups in Alexandria with little success. While these groups maintain that they are registering, evidence shows that they are not accomplishing anything tangible. The problem there is complicated by the fact that in Alexandria persons can register at the Courthouse only during working hours Monday through Friday.

Enclosed are: 1, samples of thepictorial fliers which the canvassers distribute to each home they contact and ~~xxx~~ which are also widely distributed through other means as well in the Negro neighborhoods; 2, worksheetsand other materials used by canvassers; 3, the Honor Roll of newly registered voters which are used.for clerical purposes and are prominently displayed in the area.

IN MISSISSIPPI
registration
is like this

IN
NORTHERN
VIRGINIA
registration
is like this

FREEDOM NOW
REGISTER NOW

The Voter Registration Worker will show you how

THIS IS THE YEAR WE MUST ***ALL*** REGISTER AND VOTE

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NO.	REGISTERED YES OR NO	APPOINTMENT DATE
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

PRECINCT _____

WORKER NAME _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____

LAST NAME | FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL | DATE REGISTERED MO DAY YEAR | ACCOUNT NO. | PRECINCT

STREET ADDRESS | DATE OF BIRTH MO DAY YEAR AGE | PLACE OF BIRTH | WHERE PREV. VOTED

OCCUPATION | LENGTH OF RESIDENCE | PRECINCT | PREVIOUS ADDRESS

NATURALIZATION DATA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

I-- ----------, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am entitled to register under the Constitution and laws of this state, and that I am not disqualified from exercising the rights of suffrage by the Constitution of Virginia.

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

Subscribed and sworn to me this_____day of _____19___

SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR

WHAT! TO GET EVERY QUALIFIED PERSON REGISTERED TO VOTE.

HOW! TO MEET THEM INFORM THEM TRANSPORT THEM REGISTER THEM.

1. THE APPROACH:

A. Greet whoever answers the door by name.
(you might be able to get this information from the household you have just left).

B. IDENTIFY YOURSELF.

1. Wear a readable badge.
2. Declare who you are and why you are there.

C. TRY TO GET INVITED INSIDE.

(You will elicit more information if you are both sitting down than you will standing on the front stoop).

II. WHAT YOU TELL THEM:
(TELL THEM THERE IS NO POLL TAX OR EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENT).

A. QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTERING AND VOTING:

1. Over 21 years of age.
2, Lived in Virginia for one year by Nov. 3.

B. WHERE TO REGISTER:

Each precinct has a Registrar who will register during the day or evening in her home.

GLEBE PRECINCT: Mrs. Lena Mount, 1706 S. Lowell St. Telephone: 671-9485

COLUMBIA PRECINCT: Miss E.V. Myers, 1201 S. Barton St. Apt. 169, JA 2-5231

FILLMORE PRECINCT: Mrs. E. Romesburg, 302 S. Cleveland JA 5-3179

LEXINGTON PRECINCT: Mrs. M. Slye, 5525 N. 18th Rd. KE 6-7074
(away until August 16).

WOODLAWN PRECINCT: Mrs. E. V. Smith, 1709 N. Glebe Rd. JA 5-7579

C. HOW YOU WILL HELP THEM TO REGISTER:

Depending on the night and where you are canvassing, you will be told which night to offer to transport them to the Precinct Registrar. Emphasize the fact that we will transport them. If they cannot make the night offered, we will arrange to take them on whatever night they specify. Get a definit commitment from them to go and register on a specific night, either with our help or with providing their own transportation.

III. WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO TELL YOU:
Keep the following on a 3x5 card - a separate card for each household.

A. Address and telephone number.

B. Names of each qualified voter in house with an "R" for who is registered, and a "N" for who is not registered.

C. Write down the day and time when we are commited to transport them to the Registrar or when they have agreed to go themselves.

First Class Citizens

"Freedom Now in 64"
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The Polls

HONOR ROLL of NEW REGISTERED VOTERS in ARLINGTON

Mr. Mrs. and Miss

August

Emily Hoffman
Leroy Hoffman
Mary Taylor
Mabel Brundage
Lucy Murry
Janie B. Duson
John Lee
Robert L. Mayo
Roxie Green
Gertrude W. Hoffman
Luceita Hargrove
Dottie D. Green
Roxie E. Johnson
Mathew Burns
Margaret Burns
Magie Parker
Alma V. Brown
Jessie Lowe
Jane Smith
Lola V. Smith
Robert Nelson
Susie Lowe
James Williams
George W.A. Lowe
Joseph Bonds
Jean C. Ross
Carl A. Smith
Celia Bonds
Mary E. Brown
Anna A. Heatley
Jessie Jones
Joe Tyson
Annabell Tyson
Martha Humes
William Humes
Mary H. Neely
Mildred Greene
Mary Benton
Charolette Keene
Garfield Keene
John Taylor
Edith McCamey
Elizabeth Frazeir
Louise Peterkin
Estelle Taylor
Fred Dickerson
Ella Dickerson
William H. Duson
Margaret Dodson
Elizabeth Dodson
Everett Raines
William R. Jones
Ida Neal
Edna M. Smith
John Henry Baker
Evelyn M. Douglas
Ernest W. Burgas
Eddie Burgas
Arcelia Walker
Ross H. Roberts
Yvonne Roberts
Annie Powell
Lawrence Powell
Sarah Somers
Edna N. Campbell
Tommie Campbell
Henry Campbell
Henretta Campbell
Elah Hipps

Ruth Hipps
Thomas L. Jones
Lucy Odell
Annie Tyson
James O'Neal
Mr. Neal
Mrs. Neal
Harvey Williams
Arcelia D. Lomax
Theodore Lomax
Margaret Fernanders
Shirley A. Williams
John T. Williams
Spurgeon W. Day
Martha B. Day
Nannie O. Gatling
James Wanzee
Virginia J. Daniel
Charles R. Jackson
Mary L. Pullen
Quincy Henderson
Albert B. Henderson
Nora E. Henderson
Readie Johnson
Margaret B. Adams
Rudolph C. Hart
Geraldine M. Hart
Tecumseh Moore
John Strother
Clara B. Strother
Evelyn B. Brown
Hazel Lewis
Vernon Brown
Ruth Robinson
Hattie Brice
Robert Faltz
Jean Smith
Carolyn Cuttingham
Milton Shepard
Annie Wilburn
Shirley Coles
Ida Poole
George Cooksey
James Miller
Mrs. James Miller
James William
Mrs. James Williams
Berthena Johnson
Juanita Walton
Lucille Owens
Daisey Yancy
Slyster Sykes
Alfred Orr
Doroth E. Turner
Herman A. Howard
Julia P. Howard
Annie F. Tomlin
Thurman M. Tomlin
Sarah J. Webb
Mrs. Carl Jackson
Peggy Campbell
Lafonia Campbell
Isbelle Sheffey
Ruby Green
Gwendolyn Green
Gloria Fullen
Calvin Mitchell
Pauline Faltz
Johnnie Moore

Ruth McDonald
Hattie Jones
Hattie Cooper
James H. Young
Gale Coleman
Alice Brittian
Emma Lowe
Louise Gurger
Catherine Hill
Rebel Poole
Joan Cooper
Shelia Turner
Helen Faggins
Elmer Lowe
Hattie Bellamy
Lovonia Lowe
Linwood Yancey
Bettie J. Robinson
Virginia Nash
Hiltrue Robinson
Benjamin Robinson
Mr. Wells Jr.
Robert Jones
Clarie B. Crudup
Sylvester A. Puryear
Rita A. Johnson
William H. Brown Jr.
Minnie Brundage
Lillie G. Butler
Jack Heatley
Mary Montgomery
Helen Nash
Virginia Nash
Alfred Powell
Helen Powell
Josephine Pullen
Dorothy Campbell
Betty Scott
Joshua Taylor Jr.
Dr. George Duncan
Revenia Wilson
Jerolene Pincham
Leslie Pincham
Barbara Tewey
Theresa White
Bessie Williams
Viola Greene
Jermore Wilson
Idna Wilson
Rosalind Edwards
William Chandler
Ruby Chandler
James Whitney
Luvenia Taylor
Matilda Berry
Charles Dixon
Lawrence V. Turner
Sally L. Williams
Matter L. Whitson
Charles W. Terry
Blanche Terry
James R. Beale
Thomas Muse
Ellis O. Townes
Montie Allen
Evelyn S. Townes
Josephine Irby
Fannie Curtis

Mr. Mrs. and Miss

Richard Wright
Conrad Watkins
Bessie Jackson
Paul E. Lowe
John H. Smith
Camille J. Collins
Ronald E. Collins
Gladys Lyon
Cornelius E. Lyons
Virginia Cook
Selma M. Roberts
Roy H. Beverly
Forrest L. Brown
Ann May Reddicks
Martha A. Mazyell
Willie W. Day
Shirley Lee
Elizabeth Grisson
Margrett P. Carr
Gladys Fisher
Earl Fisher
Gertrude Smith
Catherine Veney
Maggie A. William
Veronica L. Dabney
Elizabeth Coles
Teresa Rachael
Earl S. Dabney
Eveyln Newman
Gracie Dunbar
James Edward Newman
Nora Ann Long
Clifton Long
Leroy Dunbar
Elsie Shepard
Lena L. Alfred
Jacquline D. Alfred
Leroy Bouknight
Bernard Diggs
Alma Gant
Bernice L Gant
Odelia M. Jacobs
Elnora Mills
Beasta F. Seagers
Sonny Seagers
Walton S. Smith
Gladys Ward
Wiola Maxwell
John E. Maxwell
Esther James
Rydonia H. Cooper
Clara Mae Warren
Jerlene Stevenson
Brice Haskins
Devon Stevenson
Annie M. Whitehead
Kathrine E. Lockett
Willie A. Lockett
Barbara Ann Jackson
Charlotte O. Byrd
Rofie A. Whitehead
Lydia S. Green
Linnie Kennedy
Helen M. Haskins
Jake Haskins
Clara B. Somers
Doris J. Robinson
Helen I. Barnes
Lovie Mickey
John A. Clark
Lena Smith
Davis Coleman
Ethel L. Drayton
Eugene S. Dryton
~~James N. Esaw~~
Esley Odell Jr.
John

James Esaw
Esley Odell Jr.
John T. Woodard
Resse Rodgers
Gertrude M. Scott
Archibald Riley
Matilda Shawler
Blanche M. Jackson
Seretha M. Armstrong
Dorothy L. Whitehead
Gladys M. Taylor
Edith M. Ruffner
Cleveland Gregg
Joan O'del
Frances A. Parker
Francis I Parker
Frances Lucas
Addie L. Booth
Clarence Hargrove
Isabell Hargrove
Mattie B. Alexander
Rosa B. Robinson
Woodrow Williams
John E. Foster Jr.
Theodore F. Carpenter
Viola L. Foster
Lucille G. Lowe
John Edward Foster Jr.
Harriett B. Blake
Ruby P. Persinger
Winford C. Ffoyd
Audrey C. Courtney
Lurenia E. Eason
Emma J. Ffoyd
Nannie P. Chapman
Isabell Oliver
Barbara McDaniel
Lessie M. McDaniel
Oliver W. Brown
Carrie Eason
Ruby C. Holland
Albert Halland
Donnie Allen
Bradtley Kennerly
Irene Crawley
Henry J. Crawley
Booker Wilson
Syvia M. Wilson
Emma E. Smith
William H. Tucker
Sadie A. Walls
Martha Henry
Robert Barnes
Eugene Hill
Adeline Stewart
Elizabeth B. Felds
Helen L. Garner
Annie G. Stevens
Martha F.Gillian
Edna L. Ferguson
Rudolph V. Ford
Mrs. Posey

Mrs. Clara Green is the oldest person to register in Arlington to this date. She is 87 years old. Congratulations!

FIRST CLASS CITIZENS

"Freedom Now in 64 "
at
The Polls

HONOR ROLL OF NEW REGISTERED VOTERS IN ARLINGTON

AUGUST

MARY F. SMITH
ROSA VALENTINE
AUDREY MAE LACY
SUSIE M. TAYLOR
LEON DILLARD JR.
MARY O. GASKINS
VALCERA M. WATTS
RUTH G. NELSON
PEARL BROOKS
JEAN WILKERSON
LILLIE POLLARD
JEAN A. MCDANIEL
RUBY L. POLLARD
GERTRUDE M. STEPTOE
LUCILLE ROBERTS
JACQUELINE COLES
LEONA M. TURNER
BEULAH TEASLEY
YVONNE M. GARNER
MELVIN M. BOYD
HELEN BOYD
JOHN VANCE
LUCILLE VANCE
JAMES HUNTER
IDA HUNTER
SYLVESTER DAVIS
OPHELIA DAVIS
CHARLES OLIVER
CORNELUIS BROOKS
DAISEY BROOKS
GRACE GREEN
MARGARET SCOTT
RUBY BALL
MARY ROBERTS
JOHN ROBERTS
JAMES TAYLOR
PAUL NELSON
LUCILLE MILLER
HATTIE HARRISON
GENEVIEVE TUCK
HOWARD DUNBAR
HERMAN YOUNG

DORIS BEST
WILLIE CAMPBELL
WILLIAM FULLEN
NORMAN WALTON
JANIE SPENCE
ERNESTINE BANK
HERBERT D. SPENCE
MOZELLE CALDWELL
VIRGINIA MITCHELL
CLARENCE E. SMITH
RICHARD GREEN
THOMAS MIDDLETON
NANNIE MIDDLETON
WILLIAM TORRENCE
THOMASCENE TORRENCE
HENRY GLENN
RUTH WORMACK
BETTY ANN ROYSTER
SANDRA O. MORRISON
M. ELIZABETH MANNS
ROBERTA PARKER
ROSETTA HENDERSON
CORA SMITH
CORNINE HUGHES
DELORES DONNGERFIELD
CHARLES DONNGERFIELD
EARL SUTTON
WILLIAM HOLMES
ROBERT SUTTON
MARGARET ANN SCOTT
YOYCE JOHNSON
EMMA FRYE
BARBARA FRYE
ANNE B. SMITH
LORINE NEWMAN
SHIRLEY JUNIS
DOROTHY H. LEWIS
MARY WITHERALL
NANCEY M. KELLY
WILLIE E. ROYSTER
DAVID N. SMITH
LAZERUS M. JOHNSON
MARGARETTA YOUNG

HUNTER M. FREYE
JOHN RODGERS
JOHN H. JONES
HAROLD L. WILLIAMS
HOWARD S. WILLIAMS
PATRICIA A. RODGERS
JAMES A. ROGERS
LUCILLE M. JOHNSON
ELIZABETH A LIGHTFOOD
AMELIA F. PERKINS
MOTTIE ALLEN
MATILDA BERRY
ANNIE E. DUNBAR
MAJORIE W. LONG
JOSEPH C. GIBSON
INEZ GIBSON
NAOMI JONES
OTIS SIMMONS
ROBERT JACKSON
EDWARD GANT
QUEENESTER DUNBAR
JULIA SIMMONS
CALEB J. BARNES
DOROTHY LATNEY
MARY E. TURNER
PAUL PARKER
SAMUEL BELLAMEY
FOREST VENABLE
MARTHA BROWN
ESTELLE VENABLE
ROBERT DODSON
LORETTA NAIR
RANDALL DODSON
MARGARET BROWN
RETHA RODGERS
MARGARET WILBORN
FRANCES CRAWLEY
MELVIN SHANKLIN
LACY POWELL
SANFORD COOPER
MILDRED TURNER
JAMES FORHAMD

August 25, 1964

Mr. Marvin Rich
CORE
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

RE: VEP 4-39 yellow

Dear Mr. Rich:

It appears that Mr. Ira Lechner failed to include the salary and expenses for Mr. John Robinson in the previously submitted proposal for the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia. It is our understanding that Mr. Robinson is serving as a full time registration director on an agreed salary of $100 per week, and it is estimated that his incidental expenses will amount to a total of $50 for the remainder of the project.

We are enclosing our VEP check in the amount of $750 representing a supplemental grant to enable you to pay the salary and expenses for John Robinson.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $750 check
cc: Mr. Ira M. Lechner
2901 N. John Marshall Drive
Arlington 7, Virginia

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2901 N. John Marshall Drive
Arlington 7, Virginia
August 18, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Director, Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: 4-39

Dear Mr. Branton:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation today, I am writing you now to request a supplemental appropriation for the C.O.R.E. sponsored voter registration project in the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia.

In the initial request for appropriations, I neglected to include any request to cover the salary and expense money of our resident full-time registration director, John Robinson of Arlington, Virginia. John Robinson has already been engaged full-time in this task in Northern Virginia for a full month. Mr. Robinson is Co-Chairman of the Northern Virginia C.O.R.E. chapter; is a lifetime resident of Arlington; is totally dedicated to the task of registration; and has both the confidence and respect of the average person in the community. Without Mr. Robinson's full-time devotion to the registration campaign, I can say unhesitatingly that the project will not achieve anywhere near its potential. I request, therefore, in the name of C.O.R.E. that Mr. Robinson be paid $100 per week for the seven remaining weeks of the campaign until the registration books are closed, and that he be allocated $50 totally for incidental expenses. The total supplemental appropriation, therefore, amounts to $750.00. If that amount could be allocated to be dispensed through the C.O.R.E. national office, it would be greatly appreciated and the results in terms of registration figures would be forthcoming.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. I assure you that our weekly reports and financial accountings will be filed with you beginning this week.

Sincerely yours,

IRA M. LECHNER
Registration Co-ordinator

VEP 4-39

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

SEP 3 1964

Name of Project: CORE- Voter Registration Project

Period covered by this report: From 8/23/64 to 8/29/64

Person reporting Ira M. Lechner, Coordinator

2901 John Marshall Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22207

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 8/30/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Tenth Congressional District of Virginia (Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax)

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 450

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics not applicable. see first report

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 152

Number successfully registered by this project this week 152

Number denied registration in this project this week not applicable.

a. Reason for denial see previous report

Number contacted by other means about 250 reach by telephone (persons who asked to be called back to make appointments; and persons who missed previous appointments)

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate about 10

a. Reason for refusing to participate lack of interest

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 558

Number of workers in the campaign about 125 (includes some very irregular workers)

Remarks

Two-thirds of Arlington County has been canvassed initially. This includes "not-at-homes" and residuals (explained in last week's report.) The telephone campaign to reach ~~xxxxx~~ residuals was stepped up sharply. Canvassing in Arlington will continue, but the main emphasis will be shifting to re-canvassing the residuals who don't have telephones.

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We found that our appointment system whereby a person made an appointment for a specific time on a specific day was not working efficiently. Only about half of the appointments were being kept. Three methods have been introduced toremedy the situation. ~~XXXXX~~ ~~XXXX

VOTER REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT

You have an appointment to be

picked up to register on _____ .

FREEDOM NOW - REGISTER NOW

4-39 Received 10/1/64 Reported WB/JS/WK

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: CORE Voter Registration Project

Period covered by this report: From August 30 to September 23

Person reporting Ira M. Lechner

2901 N. John Marshall Dr., Arlington 7, Virginia

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: August 24, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Virginia's 10th Congressional District which includes the counties of Arlington + Fairfax and the cities of Alexandria + Falls Church

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass Approximately 3,000

Number instructed at home Not applicable

Number instructed at clinics NA

Number instructed other places NA a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program ~~this~~ these weeks Total - 1096

Number successfully registered by this project ~~this~~ these weeks 1046

Number denied registration in this project ~~this week~~ these weeks 50

a. Reason for denial Illiteracy; drunkenness

Number contacted by other means Untold thousands

a. Specify means 1,500 by ~~phone~~ (these are all people who had been previously canvassed) 13,000 pieces of "Freedom Now-Register Now" literature distributed Thousands of people were contacted by virtue of 27 hours broadcasting by sound trucks

Number refusing to participate 100

a. Reason for refusing to participate Indifference

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1370

Number of workers in the campaign 170, many work only sporadically

Remarks Please excuse our not filing a report regularly but we have been at work steadily and have not had time to gather the figures together.

Campaigns are now underway fully in each of the jurisdictions covered. In Fairfax, full potential has not yet been realized because the registration books were closed one week for a local election and this is the 2nd largest urban county in area in the country. But all Negro neighborhoods now have a local committee supplied + organized by us and work is

proceeding at steadily increasing rate.

In Arlington, the entire county, street by street, has been fully canvassed once and we are beginning a complete recanvass. Full potential in terms of organization + personnel has been realized; in results full potential is far from realized. In fact, we are now plagued with the loss of many workers by virtue of the opening of college + high school, plus plain exhaustion.

In Alexandria, we have tried to reconcile two competing organizations, supplied each with literature and money + finally resorted as well to our own independent canvassing activities when results were not forthcoming. Lack of personnel and an intimate knowledge of the area is hampering our work here. Potential in Alexandria is the greatest of all four jurisdictions and we are hopeful that by the end of the campaign greater numbers will register.

We hired another fulltime worker, Charlie Smith, of SNCC who worked in the Mississippi project all summer. Paying him $30/week and we supply room + board on a volunteer basis. We have assigned him to Alexandria + we hope the product of his labors will show up in later figures.

Registration ends October 3; after that we will give you a report in the manner you want it.

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August 14, 1964

Mr. Ira M. Lechner
2901 N. John Marshall Drive
Arlington 7, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-39

Dear Mr. Lechner:

We would appreciate receiving a weekly report, ~~[illegible]~~ which you report registration results (in exact figures), the number of persons contacted, means of contact, number applying for registration, number rejected, and the reason for rejection. We would appreciate also your discussion of problems encountered, both with officials and in the Negro communities, and plans for solving same.

At the conclusion of the program, we would appreciate a report on the assessment of the effectiveness of your approach to the assignment, as you see it.

If we can be of assistance to you, let us know. We welcome your questions and comments.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

P.S. We are sending you, under separate cover, the forms necessary for making your statistical report to us.

Photocopy for Texas Dr.

JMV

November 16, 1964

Mr. Ira M. Lechner, Coordinator
2901 N. John Marshall Drive
Arlington 7, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-39

Dear Mr. Lechner:

Thank you for your letter of November 9 in which you sent information regarding the registration drive which Northern Virginia CORE conducted in the Tenth Congressional District of Virginia. I wish to congratulate all of you for the very excellent job which was done.

We are taking under consideration your request for a supplemental grant of $535.90, to take care of your deficit expenditures. The one item which causes me a great deal of concern is the item of $390 for "Filing fees in Circuit Court of Arlington County." As a lawyer, I cannot help but wonder how on earth filing fees could ever run that much in any kind of court, unless this is not a proper description of the expenditure. Will you please send me further information regarding this item.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

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2901 N. John Marshall Drive
Arlington 7, Virginia
November 9, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsythe Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Enclosed is the data that you requested in your October 29 letter. I hope you are pleased with the final results of our Northern Virginia registration drive. We registered 3,600 Negroes in this area. The job is far from complete,however, as there are still that many people or more who are unregistered. We are proud as well of our get-out-the-vote drive as 98% of those registered voted on November 3.

Now is I could call on your help again. We had originally budgeted this drive as costing $550 plus $750 for the salary of John Robinson, our full-time worker. Due to unforseen difficulties which I shall now describe, we exceeded our budget by approximately $535.00. Two days before the end of registration, the authorities discovered that a well-meaning and helpful precint registrar in Arlington County had unwittingly violated the Virginia Constitution in that she filled out the substance of registration forms rather than requiring Negroes to fill them out in their own handwriting. She did this because the line of people at her house was so long night after night that she took it upon herself to speed up the process by filling out the forms and having the people sign them. A county employee at the courthouse had told her that it was proper to do it this way in the interest of speed. As a result, the Byrd-controlled Electoral Board with the aid of a Republican General Registrar tried to purge 102 of the newly registered Negroes from the rolls. NAACP attorneys Otto Tucker and Robert Alexander vollunteered their time to fight this action. They did not succeed in persuading the Electoral Board that the error of the registrar could not be held against innocent people,all of whom signed the form. We then obtained the services of the most distinguised attorney in Arlington, Edmund Campbell, to fight the case in the Arlington County Circuit Court. He volunteered his time and after three days of trial, the Court reinstated 15 of the people. Robert Alexander then sought an injunction in the Federal District Court the day before the election, but lost. Campbell was forced to pay out of his own pocket $390.00 in court fees, and Alexander had to pay $51.00 in fees. Though we had the case law on our side and technically won the case, the Circuit Court judge refused to refund the fees. In addition to these expenses, we incurred approximately $95.00 in additional expenses in our registration drive proper. I enclose a supplemental list of expenses detailing these amounts with this letter. It would be greatly appreciated by all if the Voter Education Project would reimburse us for these expenses. We have no real hope of raising this much money in the community and I would hate to see these attorneys foot the bill particularly after they gave so freely of their time. I would appreciate hearing from you on this matter in the near future.

As soon as we collect ourselves, we will send you a more detailed report on the make-up of the community,etc. as you have requested.

Sincerely yours,
Ira M. Lechner
Ira M. Lechner

VE PA-39

EXPENSES ABOVE BUDGET PROPOSED FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

9/12	Audio Services (sound equipment)	$ 30.00
9/29	Audio Services (sound equipment)	45.00
9/16	District Office Equipment Co. (typewriter rental)	10.00
8/5	Arlington Paper Supply Co. (index cards)	6.90
10/20	Postage	3.00
10/27	Filing fees in Circuit Court of Arlington County	390.00
10/30 &11/2	Filing fees in Federal District Court, Alexandria, Va.	51.00
		$535.90

We have receipts for all these items

NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORE REGISTRATION DRIVE

1) Registrars will not give out racial breakdowns by precint. We have no idea what the percentage of Negro to White registration is by precints, but we can give you precentage of Negro to White by voting by precints, and we can estimate number of Negroes registered by counties.

City of Alexandria

Total Negro registration now is 2,500
New registrations in 1964 is 1,600
Key precints by voting are

Ficklin	65%
Cameron	80%
Prince	60%
No. 4	70%

Arlington County

Total Negro registration now is 2,700
New registrations in 1964 is 1,400
Key precints by voting are

Columbia	20%
Fillmore	15%
Glebe	85%
Woodlawn	25%

Fairfax County

Total Negro registration now is 1,200
New registrations in 1964 is 700
Vote is so spread out among so many precints, we can not give you precint breakdown

2) Negro vote had significant effect in 1964 election. Liberal Congressional candidate, Democrat Gus Johnson, lost to conservative Republican Joel Broyhill, who voted against Civil Rights Act, in 1962 by 9,500 votes. In 1964, Johnson lost again but by only 2,000 votes. Our detailed analysis discloses that in 11 precints in Alexandria and Arlington where Negroes constitute any appreciable number, Johnson received a plurality of 1,869 votes in 1964 in excess of his plurality in those precints in 1962. Thus, in 1962 , Gus Johnson received a plurality of only 671 votes in Negro precints, but in 1964 he received a plurality of 2,540 votes in those same precints. Broyhill's 1962 lead was cut by over 20% in Negro precints alone in Alexandria and Arlington. In Fairfax County, Gus Johnson added 500 Negro votes to his plurality there that he had not received in 1962. Thus, while Gus Johnson lost in ~~1962~~ 1964 by 2,000 votes, he received a plurality of over 3,000 votes from Negro voters. If we add the other 3,000 to 4,000 Negroes who are now not registered to the rolls between now and 1966, it is fair to estimate that if other things remain equal, Broyhill will lose in 1966. We recognize, however, that pull of President Johnson's coattails will not be as strong among whites in 1966 and anti-Goldwater vote among Negroes will not be as strong in 1966. But all things considered, if we add Negroes to the rolls in 1966, liberal candidate will have even chance to win.

3) No Negro candidate ran in 1964.

Ira M Lechner

December 2, 1964

Mr. Marvin Rich
CORE
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

RE: VEP 4-39

Dear Mr. Rich:

The VEP office has received a request from the CORE Northern Virginia registration drive seeking a supplemental grant in the sum of $535.90 to take care of a deficit in the recent program. More than $400 of this money represents filing fees and court costs in connection with several appeals from registration denials.

We have agreed to make this supplemental grant, and in view of the fact that the financial transactions were conducted through the national CORE office, we have decided to make this supplemental grant through CORE.

I am enclosing our VEP check made payable to CORE in the amount of $535.90, and request that you arrange to send these funds to your Northern Virginia project immediately so that the outstanding bills can be paid.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $535.90 check
cc: Mr. Ira M. Kechner
2901 N. John Marshall Drive
Arlington 7, Virginia

Rec'd 12/1/64

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2901 N. John Marshall Drive
Arlington 7, Virginia
November 30, 1964

Mr. W. Branton
Director, Voter Education Project
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: Northern Virginia VoterRegistration
Drive Supplemental Budget

Dear Mr. Branton:

Please forgive me for not replying to your last letter sooner. With respect to your inquiry about why court costs in appealing the registrar's purge of the voter registration rolls cost in excess of $350, I should have explained that particularity more fully. The Code of Virginia requires that each person who has been denied registration,or having been registered is then striken from the rolls, may appeal the administrative decision of the registrar by filing a petition with the Circuit Court of the appropriate county. The statute reads further that the petition should be signed by the person denied registration. The leader of the Bar in this community who I encouraged to represent the people, Mr. Edmund Campbell, was of the opinion that each petitioner had to present a separate petition. Furthermore, as a practical matter we had to get the signatures of over 70 persons in two days time and if we mimeographed up petitions, left blank spaces for names, and divided up the 80 or so persons among us, we could reach all these people in a short time. If we were forced to have each person sign the same petition, however, we would not be physically able to carry the one petition to all these people to have them sign it in such a short space of time. We were all confident at that time that there would be no fee for filing as the statute specified that no writ tax or costswould be assessed against the petitioners.

When Mr. Campbell went to file the petitions, the clerk of the court would not accept them unless he payed $5.00 apiece for filing fees. He was still confident that upon the termination of the suit the court would refund these fees. Inasmuch as the suit had to be filed then or never and these persons' right to vote was at stake, Mr. Campbell payed the clerk the money out of his own pocket. When we technically won the suit in that the court reinstated a number of the petitioners to the registration rolls, Mr. Campbell made a plea for the return of the filing fees and informed the court of the economic standing of the petitioners, etc. The court to everyone's surprise denied the motion and refused to return the fee money.

The court costs in the Federal Court are another matter. The money there was spent primarily for marshall's fees for service of subpoenas ad testificandum and duces tecum in that the Commonwealth's Attorney would not agree to produce anyone.

I do hope that the V.E.P. will allocate funds to cover the supplemental budget which was submitted. I will be most happy to furnish receipts, of course. As I repeated earlier, these attorneys gave unstintingly of their time and I would hate to see them incur out-of-pocket expenses as well. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Ira M. Lechner

Ira M. Lechner

August 25, 1964

Mr. William P. Randall, Director
Bibb County Coordinating Committee
845 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-40

Dear Mr. Randall:

This will acknowledge receipt of your proposal of August 18, 1964, for a grant to support a four-week voter registration program in Bibb County, Georgia. We were glad that you submitted a proposal, as we feel that excellent results can be achieved in your county prior to the September 15 deadline, and this is why we had Mr. John Due visit you last week.

I note that your proposal is for four weeks, but I was out of the state all of last week, and there will only be three weeks remaining before the registration deadline. I have therefore approved your budget in full, but cut it back to a three-week program instead of a four-week program, and I am approving a grant today in the amount of $1,200.

I am enclosing our check in the amount of $1,200, representing payment of the grant in full, and it is our understanding that your program will get underway immediately and run through the September 15 deadline. Because of the fact that this is such a short program, we would appreciate ~~it~~ you would supply us with weekly progress and financial reporting.

This check should be deposited in your special VEP account, and no other funds should be deposited to that same account. I am assuming that you still have on hand enough voucher checks from your last VEP program to carry you through your new program. Please write and let us know what check number your new program will start with, and be sure to send us carbon copies of all checks written at the end of each week. I am enclosing a set set of financial instructions so that you

may re-familiarize yourself as to the requirements. Mrs. Jane Moore of our staff will write you separately concerning progress reporting.

It is [redacted] that VEP reserves the right to cancel your program at any time, and demand the return of any unused portion of the grant.

With every good wish for a successful program, I am

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Encl: $1,200 check
Financial Instructions

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845 Forsyth Street
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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a proposed budget for a four weeks V.E.P. for BIBB County. This budget projects the use of a Director plus eight Staff persons. We could be over twice as efficient if we could double the number of our staff. With the great interest in the coming General Election this drive should be very successful.

Sincerely,
The Bibb County Co-ordinating Committee
William P. Randall
William P. Randall, Director

VEP 4-40

ITEM-		Per Week	4 Weeks
Director's Salary		$ 75.00	$ 300.00
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Voting Procedures Education	(2)	50.00	200.00
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Clerical Supplies		10.00	40.00
		$ 410.00	$ 1,640.00

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August 28, 1964

Mr. William P. Randall, Director
Bibb County Coordinating Committee
843 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-40

Dear Mr. Randall:

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of research reporting forms. We request that you submit a report each week, starting from the beginning of your project. We believe that the items on the forms are self-explanatory, but feel free to question or make comments.

At the conclusion of your project, we will expect a comprehensive narrative report. This should include a thorough discussion of all aspects of your program and an assessment of its effectiveness.

If at any time you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

SEP 8 1964

WB

Name of Project: Voters Education Project-Bibb County Co-ordinating Committee

Rec'd

Period covered by this report: From August 25, 1964 to September 1, 1964

Person reporting Mr. William P. Randall
845 Forsyth Street

Street Address | Macon City | Bibb County | Ga. State

Date submitted: September 4, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Bibb

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1186

Number instructed at home 762

Number instructed at clinics 304 (At Churches)

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 415

Number successfully registered by this project this week 414

Number denied registration in this project this week 1

a. Reason for denial Unable to read or write. Failed oral test

Number contacted by other means Unknown

a. Specify means News-paper stories

Number refusing to participate 120

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested, Lost Citizenship, Religion.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 414

Number of workers in the campaign 23

Remarks Including 10 volunteers

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Rec'd 9/8/64

845 Forsyth Street
September 7, 1964
Macon, Georgia

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voters Education Project
Forsyth Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is our financial and program reports of our current Voters Education Project campaign which began on Tuesday, August 25, through September 1st.

The response had been good and we expect a successful drive. Twenty-three persons are actively engaged in the project. Ten of whom are part time volunteers.

Bibb County is growing and almost 40% of the population of 135,000 are Negro. Over 11,000 of these are eligible to register and are as yet not registered.

We hope to register many of these in this and subsequent campaigns. Our disbursements checks began with #201 and duplicate copies of the checks paid so far are attached to our report.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Randall

William P. Randall

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VEP 4-40

SEP 17 1964 WB JM JS

845 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia
September 14, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project

Dear Sir:

The second week of our crash Voter Education Project was just as successful as our first week considering the successive days of bad.weather. Interest in the project is high and many of the local ministers are devoting special attention to this effort in their pulpits and in their church organizations.

During our final week our efforts will be doubled in order that our drive might be successful.

Our financial and program reports are enclosed.

Sincerely,

William P. Randall

William P. Randall, Director
VEP of Bibb County Co-ordinating Committee

WPR/ch

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Youth Members Push Crash Vote Drive

A three week registration drive sponsored by the Voters Education Project and staffed by members of the Youth Council of the NAACP is currently underway in Bibb County.

The Youth are attempting to add 2500 additional names to the registration poles during this period. An intensive door to door campaign is underway. The Drive is concentrated in the thickly populated housing project areas and in the Pleasant Hill, Unionville, East Macon and South Macon sections.

The Council members are urging the people to register before September 15th in order to be qualified to vote in the November General Election. Transportation to the registration office is promised to those who need it and staff persons from the Youth Council will accompany those who wish to register to the Court House and to the City Hall. Leaders report that the initial response has been very good and that they expect the trend to increase during this week and the next week.

For further information and transportation, call Council headquarters at SH 5-8264.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: VOTERS EDUCATION PROJECT - Bibb County Co-ordinating Committee

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 2, 1964 to SEPTEMBER 8, 1964

Person reporting MR. WILLIAM P. RANDALL

845 FORSYTH STREET — MACON — BIBB — GA.

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: September 11, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Bibb

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1269

Number instructed at home 520

Number instructed at clinics (At Churches) 200

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 308

Number successfully registered by this project this week 305

Number denied registration in this project this week 3

a. Reason for denial Unable to read or write, and also failed oral test

Number contacted by other means unknown

a. Specify means Newspaper stories

Number refusing to participate 108

a. Reason for refusing to participate Religion, Sickness, Job, Not interested Citizenship.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 720

Number of workers in the campaign 23

Remarks Including 10 volunteers.

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September 15, 1964

Mr. William P. Randall, Director
Bibb County Coordinating Committee
845 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-40

Dear Mr. Randall:

Now that the registration deadline has been reached in Georgia, we would appreciate it if you would furnish us with a narrative report describing your crash registration program in Bibb County, Georgia. You should also send us a full financial report and refund to VEP the unused portion of your grant.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

WAB called 9/28/64 - report in the mail.

FOR WEEK ENDING

	SEPT. 1	SEPT 8.	SEPT. 15	
James May	—	25.00	25.00	— 25.00 (75.00)
Wordsley R. Childs	—	25.00	— 25.00	(50.00)
Geraldine Neely	—	25.00	— 25.00	— 25.00 (75.00)
Barbara Bryant	—	25.00	25.00	—
Connie Mathis	—	25.00	— 25.00	— 25.00
Gail Randall	—	25.00	—	—
Mrs. Julia Domar	—	25.00	— 25.00	— 25.00
Johnnie Mae Domar	—	25.00	—	—
Wm P. Randall	—	75.00	— 75.00	— 75.00
Mrs. Lonnetta Randall	—	25.00	— 25.00	— 25.00
Rosa Pearl Norris	—	25.00	— 25.00	— 25.00
Marjorie Braswell		—	— 25.00	— 25.00
Gertrude May		—	—	— 25.00
Annie D. Randall		—	—	— 25.00
Mrs. Alice McCollum		—	—	— 25.00
Diane Wilder		—	—	25.00
Betty Walker		—	—	—
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September 17, 1964

Mr. William P. Randall
845 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-40

Dear Mr. Randall:

As the deadline for registering for the general election has passed in Georgia, Mr. Branton has requested that I inform you that the Voter Education Project will be expecting a complete report on your voter registration activities on or before September 30th. This should include a narrative report based on the suggested outline that wassent to you at the beginning of your project.

If you have any questions or comments, or feel this office can be of assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

Recorded on SEP 29 1964 JMV WBV

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: BIBB COUNTY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

Period covered by this report: From SEPTEMBER 9,1964 TO SEPTEMBER 14,1964

To SEPTEMBER 14, 1964

Person reporting MR. WILLIAM P. RANDALL

845 FORSYTH ST. MACON BIBB GEORGIA

Street Address City/ County State

Date Submitted: SEPTEMBER 15, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Bibb

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 2,308

Number instructed at home 839

Number instructed at clinics 500 (At Church)

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify Places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 713

Number successfully registered by this project this week 712

Number denied registration in this project this week 1

a. Reason for denial Fail Oral Test

Number contacted by other means Unknown

A. Specify means Newspaper Stories

Number refusing to participate 69

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not Interested, Religion, sickness Afraidof losing job.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1,432

Number of workers in the campaign 23

Remarks including 10 volunteers.

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Rec'd October, 1964

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845 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia
September 29, 1964

Please Photocopy for Research files before filing
Dave

Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Macon is Georgia's third largest city and is situated in the heart of Georgia. Its present population is approximately 128,000, 38% of which are Negroes.

Macon is situated in the middle of a rich agricultural and timber growing area. Macon is also a manufacturing center with 167 widely diversified manufacturing plants employing 13,250 people. Textiles is the largest industry employing some 18 per cent of all manufacturing personnel. Robins Air Force Base, 17 miles to the south, employs some 16,500 civilians and 8,000 military personnel, many of whom live in Macon. Annual payroll is over 124 million dollars.

Race relations in Macon had been considered good by the whites of the city until the 1950's when Negroes began to register in such numbers that the Courthouse crowd became encensed or afraid enough for a Superior Court judge to order an investigation of the "negro bloc vote". This action resulted in an intensified voter registration drive to increase the number of Negroes on the roll.

In 1962 an intensive 90 day crash registration drive resulted in the addition of some 6000 Negroes to the registration rolls doubling the number that were previously on roll. The following year (1963) some 3100 more were added after an intensive purge of the voters list removed some 1100 names from the roll.

VEP 4-40

In the recent crash drive from August 25th through September 15th, 1,432 additional Negroes were registered.

Canvassers and solicitors for voter registration have had to have infinate patience in the last voter education drive. We seem to have reached the hard core of those who through ignorance or apathy or both are not easily convinced of their responsibility to become full citizens by registering to vote. Many unusual excuses are sometimes heard. For example, "my vote won't be counted, they throw them out", "my taxes will be raised", "I will lose my job".

No opposition to voter registration is encountered in Macon. The test is administered fairly, additional clerks are put into operation when the size of the crowd warrants it and the people are served on a first come-first serve basis.

We plan to contimue our educational project at a reduced level using volunteers as such are available.

Our clincs and Mass meeting classes as well as our door-to-door efforts reached many more people than these who immediately responded by going to the registration office but we are sure that many others of these will gradually overcome their baseless fears and as a result of our VEP project, become registered voters and better citizens.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Voters Education Project, Mr. Branton and the entire staff for their assistance in the several drives that we have had and we will cooperate in any future plans to educate our people in good citizenship.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Randall

William P. Randall, Director
Bibb County Co-ordinating Committee VEP

WPR/ch

OCT 13 1964

845 Forsyth Street
October 12, 1964
Macon, Georgia

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are cancelled checks through our last statement. The bank informs us that the last checks have not cleared yet. When they clear, we will forward these to you also.

Present officers of the Bibb County CO-ordinating Committee are:

Rev. J.L. Key, Chairman
Miss Curly Mitchell, Secretary
Miss Ozzie Bell McKay, Treasurer
Mr. William P. Randall, Executive Sect.
Mr. William P. Randall, Director Voters Registration
Miss Rosa Pearl Norris, Sectretary, Voters Registration

Sincerely yours,

William P. Randall

(Mr.) William P. Randall

September 29, 1964

Mr. William P. Randall
845 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-40

Dear Mr. Randall:

The financial reporting which I phoned you about yesterday arrived in the mail this morning. We need to audit your account now that the program has ended. Will you please send us all cancelled checks and bank statements pertaining to your latest grant which we made to you on August 25, 1964? We also need for our files, the names and addresses of the principal officers and members of the executive committee of the Bibb County Coordinating Committee.

Will you please get this information to us by October 10, 1964?

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

October 20, 1964

Mr. William P. Randall
845 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-40

Dear Mr. Randall:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 12, in which you enclosed certain cancelled checks and your last bank statement. You sent the names of the officers of the Bibb County Coordinating Committee, but you failed to include the addresses. Will you please furnish us with the mailing addresses of each of the key officers?

I note that your first nine checks were all endorsed by Rev. Graham Willis. This appears to be very unusual, and I am certain that our auditor will want to know how it happens that the same person endorsed so many checks. Will you please explain this in writing so that we will be in a position to answer such an inquiry?

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

11/10/64
Will you please answer this letter at once so that we can close your account.

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Return to WB

Frank Hutchings - Journal Home
536 New

Walter E. Dowe
857 Monroe Ave.

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845 Forsyth Street
November 12, 1964
Macon, Georgia

Mr. Wiley Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 20613 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

In answer to your inquiry in your letter of October 20, the officers of the Bibb County Co-ordinating Committee are:

(1.) Rev. J.L. Key--Chairman 1668 Pio Nono Ave.
Miss Curley Mitchell--Secretary--792 Patterson St.
Miss Ozzie B. McKay--Treasurer--327 Monroe St.
Mr. William P. Randall--Executive Secretary & Director of the Voter Education Project-845 Forsyth Street.
Miss Rosa Pearl Norris--Secretary of Voter Education Project--845 Forsyth Street.

(2.) The workers in the recent VEP Project were in the field working door to door on the pay date. The Secretary sent their checks to them by Rev. G.H. Williams, who was in charge of transportation. Because they were unable to leave the job to go to the bank, he agreed to cash their checks for them and bring them the cash. The bank requested that he endorse each check in order to cash tge them.

I trust that this will explain the reason for the checks being endorsed by Rev. Williams.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Randall

William P. Randall

WPR:rpn

Rev. Allen L. Doberchow
1028 Linden Ave.

Rev. E. S. Evans
2172 Monroe Ave.
Macon

Rev. Van J. Malone
1st Bap. Church
New Street
Macon

1472 Chestnut St

WB

M E M O R A N D U M November 21, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-40
(Bib County Coord. Comm.)

Grant $1200.00

Expenditures:

Office Supplies	$ 10.51	
Salaries	990.50	
Trav. & Trans.	198.99	
Total		1200.00

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December 3, 1964

Dear Officers of the Bibb County Coordinating Committee:

The Voter Education Project has been pleased to work with the Bibb County Coordinating Committee during the past two years in an effort to increase the number of registered voters in Bibb County. Our records reveal that we made our first grant to the BCCC on March 27, 1963, at which time we approved a three-month program at the rate of $750 per month. We subsequently extended this program for another two months, and our records reveal that we gave your organization a total of $3,750 between the period March 27, 1963, and September 25, 1963, during the time 1,214 new voters were added to the rolls. This grant was made upon the recommendation of Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell, who at that time was VEP Field Director, following a visit by him to your city.

In August of 1964, we sent our staff intern to Macon to study the feasibility of supporting a crash registration program in Bibb County prior to the September 15 registration deadline. We subsequently received a proposal from Mr. William P. Randall that we support a four-week crash program on a budget of $1,640. On August 25, 1964, the VEP sent a check to the BBCC in the amount of $1,200, representing payment in full of a new grant for a program which was to begin immediately, and terminate on September 14. The progress reports submitted to this office reveal that 1,431 people were registered under the program between August 25 and September 14, 1964. The financial information received in this office shows the following total payments for salaries to workers in the registration program:

James May	$ 75.00
Gwendolyn Childs	50.00
Geraldine Neely	75.00
Barbara Bryant	50.00
Wonnye Mathis	75.00
Gail Randall	25.00

Officers of BBCC

Mrs. Julia Dumas	75.00
Johhnie M. Dumas	25.00
Wm. P. Randall	225.00
Mrs. L. Randall	75.00
Rosa Pearl Norris	75.00
Marjorie Braswell	50.00
Gertrude May	50.00
Annie D. Randall	25.00
Ms. Alice McCollom	25.00
Diane Wilder	25.00
Betty Walker	25.00
	$1,025.00 Total

Other payments were made for the rental of a church bus and for supplies.

A letter from Mr. William Randall dated October 12, 1964, lists the following persons as the present officers of the BCCC:

Rev. J. L. Key, Chairman
Miss Curly Mitchell, Secretary
Miss Ozzie Bell McKay, Treasurer
Mr. William P. Randall, Executive Secretary
Mr. William P. Randall, Director, Voter Registration
Miss Rosa Pearl Norris, Secretary, Voter Registration

We appreciate all of the help which you have given the cause of voter registration, and hope that you will continue your efforts in this direction even though we are now ending the VEP program. While it is too early to tell whether VEP will be started up again at a later date, we would certainly appreciate the individual comments which any of you might have as to how we might strengthen the program in your area in the event that we ever make another grant. I am therefore asking that as many of you as possible write me your individual comments concerning the effectiveness of the past VEP programs, and any suggestions which you might have for any future programs.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

List of the Officers of the BCCC and Interested Persons
Who Received Letter:

Mr. Wm. P. Randall
845 Forsyth St.,
Macon, Georgia

Miss Rosa Pearl Morris
845 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia

Miss Ozzie B. McKay
327 Monroe St.
Macon, Georgia

Miss Curley Mitchell
792 Patterson St.
Macon, Georgia

Rev. J. L. Key
1668 Pio Nono Avenue
Macon, Georgia

Rev. Van J. Malone
1422 Chestnut St.
Macon, Georgia

Rev. E. S. Evans
2172 Monroe Avenue
Macon, Georgia

Rev. Allen I. Habersham
1028 Linden Avenue
Macon, Georgia

Mr. Walter E. Davis
857 Morrow Avenue
Macon, Georgia

Mr. Frank Hutchings
Funeral Home
536 New Street
Macon, Georgia

December 3, 1964

Mr. William P. Randall
845 Forsyth Street
Macon, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-40

Dear Mr. Randall:

I am returning the cancelled bank checks and statements on your project that you were kind enough to send at our request several weeks ago. You should retain these in the files of your local organization.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter which I am sending out to the key officers and a few interested persons in your community, as we like to involve as many people as possible in a full understanding of our VEP programs.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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August 18, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: John Due, Jr.

Re: Fort Valley, Georgia, Request for Funds

(Note: This report was dictated by telephone from Fort Valley 8/18/64. js)

The proposed budget of the voter education project to be conducted in Peach County for the next four weeks, ending on September 15 by the Peach County Political Action Committee:

Chairman - Mr. Theodore Appling, 307 East Church Street, TA5-5319.

Director - $40.00 weekly for 4 weeks	$160.00
Temporary office with use of telephone*	35.00
Transportation pool - Five cars	
a. For wear and tear on each car, $7.50 each car	150.00
b. Gas/Oil account at local service station, $25.00 weekly	100.00
Extra office help on week-ends (one girl)	20.00
Petty cash for supplies	35.00
TOTAL - -	$500.00

The above budget corresponds to a previous six-week budget. Mr. Appling believes that at least 2,000 Negroes can be registered out of about 6,000 not registered. Mr. Appling is unemployed, therefore able to devote full time to this project. In the previous campaign, he had to pay eight youths to assist in the project, but he is assured this time he will receive full support from the NAACP Youth Council, who want to adopt this as a project.

I recommend this proposal be accepted in full.

* A Mr. Miller will allow his office to be used, as he has done before.

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VEP 4-41

AUG 21 1964

Theodore A. Appling
307 East Church Street
Fort Valley, Georgia

To: Mr. Wiley A. Branton
From: Mr. Theodore Appling

Re: Proposed budget of the Voter Education Project conducted in in Peach County by the Peach County Political Action Committee.

Reported and passed at a meeting of the above group, August 18, 1964

(1)	Director (Theodore Appling)	40.00 X 4 wks.	$160.00
(2)	Temporary office with use of phone		35.00
(3)	Transportation Pool 5 cars		
	(a) wear and tear (7.50 per car)		150.00
	(b) Gas and oil account (26.70 per week)		100.00
(4)	Extra office help on weekends		20.00
(5)	Petty cash box for supplies		35.00
	Total		$500.00

If any other clarification of this proposed Budget is desired, you may contact me by telephone are talk to Mr. Doe.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore A. Appling

Theodore A. Appling

VEP 4-41

August 25, 1964

Mr. Theodore A. Appling
Peach County Political Action
Committee
307 East Church Street
Fort Valley, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-41

Dear Mr. Appling:

On August 21, 1964, we received your written request for a grant to support a voter registration project in Pelch County, Georgia. Your proposal showed a total request of $400, but the items actually totaled $500, and we have changed it accordingly. Our representative, Mr. John Due, reported favorably on your proposal and recommended that we make the grant.

I am enclosing herein our check in the amount of $500 representing payment in full of the grant for work in Peach County which we understand will begin immediately and run through the September 15 deadline.

We will require that a separate bank account be opened for the sole use of VEP funds, and no other monies should be deposited in this account other than those coming from VEP. We normally require the use of printed triplicate voucher checks, but it would take better than a week to get them, and we are afraid this would delay you too much. We therefore will permit you to use regular bank checks, but please keep proper records, as you will have to account for these funds at the completion of your project, at which time we will audit your cancelled checks.

We are enclosing a complete set of instructions regarding expenditures, and I have placed a red mark on those items which will be most applicable to your project. It is desirable that most expenditures be paid by check, but you could

keep a small petty cash fund on hand and support any expenditures from it with vouchers, which you could account for at the time you replenish your petty cash fund.

No portion of these funds may be used to support partisan politics or on behalf of any particular candidate in any manner whatsoever.

We have made a separate grant for work in Bibb County, and SCLC is working in Jones County. We had hoped, however, that we could have started a program in a five county area, which would include Taylor, Crawford, Macon, Houston, and Peach counties. If you feel that a program could still be put together to help the other four counties, and a nominal budget could be submitted, and then, if you will call a meeting, we will be pleased to send a representative. I would suggest that you phone me collect here in Atlanta at 525-0595.

Will you please indicate your understanding of the terms and conditions of this grant, and your acknowledgement of receipt of the check by signing the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to us at once.

It is ~~our understanding~~ that VEP reserves the right to cancel this program at any time, and demand the return of any unused portion of the grant.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $500
Financial instructions
Copy of this letter

Correct on original

August 28, 1964

Mr. Theodore A. Appling
Peach County Political Action Committee
307 East Church Street
Fort Valley, Georgia

Dear Mr. Appling:

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of research reporting forms. We request that you submit a report each week, starting from the beginning of your project. We believe that the items on the forms are self-explanatory, but feel free to question or make comments.

RE: VEP 4-41

At the conclusion of your project, we will expect a comprehensive narrative report. This should include a thorough discussion of all aspects of your program and an assessment of its effectiveness.

If at any time you have any questions, please don"t hesitate to get in touch.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

September 8, 1964

Mr. Theodore A. Appling
Peach County Political Action
Committee
307 East Church Street
Fort Valley, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-41

Dear Mr. Appling:

At the time we made your grant - August 25, to be exact - we wrote to you outlining our terms and conditions, and enclosed a copy of the letter asking you to indicate your understanding of these terms and conditions by signing the carbon copy and returning it to us. To date, we have not received this acknowledgement.

Would you kindly comply with this request as soon as possible? We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

September 15, 1964

Mr. Theodore A. Appling
Peach County Political Action
Committee
307 East Church Street
Fort Valley, Georgia

RE: VEP 4-41

Dear Mr. Appling:

On August 25, we sent you our check in the amount of $500 in support of a crash voter registration project in Peach County, Georgia. When we failed to hear further from you, and learned that no program was going on, we sent our field representative, Mr. John Due, Jr., to check on your program. Mr. Due informs us that you did not have sufficient time to organize the program, that no portion of the funds had been spent, and that you would return the grant.

We therefore request that you send us a check in the amount of $500, representing the grant in full, and we appreciate the cooperation which you have shown in the past. We regret that there was not sufficient time for you to set up a crash program.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

No response as of 9/22/64
Letter sent to Fort Valley by WAB
on 9/23/64.

September 24, 1964

MEMORANDUM

To: Ruth House Alexander

From: Wiley A. Branton

RE: VEP 4-41 -PEACH COUNTY POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

On August 25, 1964, VEP made a grant in the amount of $500 to the Peach County Political Action Committee in Fort Valley, Georgia. When we failed to hear from them after sending our check, we sent John Due to investigate, and he learned that the program had never been started. Mr. Appling stated that he would refund our money.

When we had heard nothing further from him by September 23, I sent John Due back to Fort Valley, and he learned that our VEP check had never been deposited, and he brought the check back to us. VEP check No. 1357 in the amount of $500 is enclosed herein and voided, and the entire VEP 4-41 program is declared void, with no progress and financial activity.

WAB

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Encl: $500 check

CENTRAL CIVIC FORUM

2000 ~~1520~~ Effingham Street
PORTSMOUTH, VA.

February 6, 1963

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Mr. Wiley Branton
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

The Central Civic Forum of this city is desirous of putting on a Voter Registration Drive. For a number of years this organization has been trying to encourage the colored citizens of this city to become qualified voters.

We have had the pleasure of having Mr. Phil Weightman and Mrs. Fannie Neal working with us on several occassions, and Mrs. Neal was through Portsmouth several weeks ago and informed us of your organization. We are planning a drive for the months of March, April and May, and will need the sum of $1,724.82, as shown by our budget attached hereto.

A recent check of the Registrar's record shows that there are 22,055 Negroes of voting age, with 4,690 qualified in 1962. There were only 14,532 whites qualified. We believe that a concentrated drive would narrow the gap between the white qualified voters and the Negro qualified voters.

We, therefore, request that your organization give us the sum mentioned above so that a worthwhile drive may be undertaken.

Very truly yours,

David Muckle

David Muckle, President
Central Civic Forum

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CENTRAL CIVIC FORUM
2000 ~~1820~~ Effingham Street
PORTSMOUTH, VA.

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE BUDGET

Office Rent	$ 105.00
Telephone	99.82
Electricity	16.00
Heat	24.00
Stamps	50.00
Stationary	50.00
Secretary	480.00
Coordinator	900.00
	$1,724.82

bc: Mr. Philip Weightman

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March 7, 1963

Mr. David Muckle, President
Central Civic Forum
2000 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muckle:

The Voter Education Project is now considering your application for voter registration work in your area. Before reaching a final decision we feel that it is necessary for someone from our staff to make a field trip to your community to discuss your plans with you.

It is our intention that this field trip will be made prior to March 30, and if my own schedule permits I would prefer making this particular trip myself. If not, you will be visited by Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell, our Field Director.

As soon as we are certain about our schedule you will be notified of the date of our visit to your community. In the meantime, if there is any later information which you care to submit to us then you should get it to us at once.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

~~6-27-63~~
~~7-3-63~~
7-10-63

June 20, 1963

Mr. David Muckle, President
Central Civic Forum
2000 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muckle:

When I wrote you on March 7, it was my intention at that time to make a trip to Portsmouth or try to get our Field Director, Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell, to come over there. So many things transpired immediately following that which required emergency actions on the part of our limited staff that we have not had an opportunity to get there.

In your letter of February 6 you indicated that you were planning a drive for the months of March, April and May, and I would like to know what results you achieved from that drive.

We would also be interested in knowing if you plan another drive in the near future and if you will give us some idea as to when you will conduct the drive and a budget showing the financial assistance you will need to conduct your ef effort then I feel certain that we can give some consideration to your request.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

7-30-63

July 23, 1963

Mr. David Muckle, President
Central Civic Forum
2000 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muckle:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I addressed to you on June 20, 1963, but which has not yet been answered.

I would appreciate a reply to that letter so that I might consider a program for Portsmouth.

Kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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CENTRAL CIVIC FORUM

2000 ~~XXXXX~~ Effingham Street
PORTSMOUTH, VA.

October 28, 1963

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Mr. Wiley Branton
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

The Central Civic Forum of this City is planning a Voter Registration Drive to extend from November, 1963 through June, 1964, and will need the sum of $4,430.16, as shown by our budget attached hereto.

We. therefore, request that your organization make available to us the sum mentioned above, so that a worthwhile drive may be undertaken.

Very truly yours,

David Muckle

David Muckle, President
Central Civic Forum

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VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE BUDGET

November, 1963 - June, 1964

Office Rent	$ 280.00
Telephone	266.16
Electricity	40.00
Heat	64.00
Stamps	50.00
Stationary	50.00
Secretary	1,280.00
Coordinator	2,400.00
	$4,430.16

11-22-63

November 15, 1963

Mr. David Muckle, President
Central Civic Forum
2000 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muckle:

Your letter dated October 28 was received in this office on November 1. In this letter you submitted a budget for a voter registration drive which would run from November, 1963 through June, 1964. Because of the fact that our current fiscal year ends on March 31, 1964, we cannot now give support for programs which will run beyond the end of our fiscal year, though we can support short term programs. We had written you on June 20 and again on July 23 seeking certain information and when we failed to hear anything from you we started considering requests from both NAACP and SCLC for voter registration programs in the Portsmouth-Chesapeake area.

In considering our possible support through one of the major agencies it would be helpful to us to know which of the agencies the Central Civic Forum could work more effectively with at the local level, SCLC or NAACP. Would you be good enough to give us your opinion on this.

VEP could possibly make a small grant to the Central Civic Forum for a short term voter registration program in Portsmouth but such a program probably should not run more than about six weeks. If you are interested in such a program then kindly let us know whether you would

want to start the program immediately so that it can be concluded before Christmas or if you think it best to plan it to begin early next year so as to expire prior to March 31. We are awaiting your reply.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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CENTRAL CIVIC FORUM

~~[illegible]~~ Effingham Street
PORTSMOUTH, VA.

2000 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia
November 20 1963

Hon. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Room 206- 5 Forsythe Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have your letter of November 15 and in reply thereto, we are glad to state that it is our desire and policy to work with, and cooperate with any agency that is geared to do the things we wish to see accomplished.

We try to avoid duplication and if either the N.A.A.C.P or the S.C.L.C. have developed A program to do this work I assure you the Portsmouth Central Civic Forum will follow their lead.

Just about all members of the Forum are members of the N.A.A.C.P. and some of us are officers and members of the executive board, but we know of no tangible plan by the chapter or branch on this matter. There is no branch of the S.C.L.C. in Portsmouth. Just recently such an organization was formed in Norflok and A few people from Portsmouth are members of the Norfolk group.

We are willing to do what you suggest with regards to the length of our drive; that is to execute an intensive drive for six weeks. Any assistence you may be able to give will be quite helpful. We would begin so as to end the drive in March.

If you decide to give this help to either of those organization mentioned in your letter we will work with them.

Respectifully and sincerely yours

David Buckle

David Buckle

12-26-63

December 18, 1963

Mr. David Muckle, President
Central Civic Forum
2000 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muckle:

Your letter of November 20 arrived on the day of the assassination of our beloved President, and I am sure that you can understand that any correspondence since that time would be delayed in answering.

We have not yet decided the exact manner in which we will work in voter registration in Portsmouth in 1964. It is important that we know the best time to conduct an intensive six-week registration program in your city, and it may be that one six-week period would be favored over another. We would appreciate getting such information from you. Please give us recommended dates any time between January 1 and June 1, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Project Leopards

July 1, 1964

Mr. David Muckle, President
Central Civic Forum'
2000 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muckle:

We have decided to make a $1,000 grant to the Central Civic Forum in support of a voter registration program in the city of Portsmouth, Virginia. For a long time we have been talking with you and others about a program in Portsmouth, and I am determined that we get a program under way at an early date under your leadership.

Please let me know just when you want to start this program and how long you think you could run this program with the grant which we will make and give me some indication of the manner in which the funds will be spent.

We require the use of voucher checks which we will have printed and shipped to you and then bill you for the actual cost,,but this will not be more than $25. In order to get your checks printed, it will be necessary for you to send us a blank check showing the name of the bank which you will use. You will be required to maintain our money in a separate bank account from any which you may presently maintain, and if your bank uses an electronic account code number, then we need to be furnished with the bank code number and also the account number for the Central Civic Forum. By way of suggestion only, you might open your new account under the name "Central Civic Voter Project."

File
VEP 4-42

It will take approximately a week from the time we place the order to get you the voucher checks, and we generally do not send you the money until we know you have the voucher checks.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

August 11, 1964

Mr. David Muckle
2000 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

Dear Mr. Muckle:

Thank you for your letter of July 24 in which you informed me that Dr. James W. Holley is the new president of the Central Civic Forum.

Because of the fact that we are in the final phase of the Voter Education Project, it is not likely that we will be able to give financial assistance beyond the October 5 registration deadline in Virginia, and, therefore, any program will have to be conducted during the next six weeks.

I have not yet heard from Dr. Holley, and if you want to launch a program immediately, I am certain that I could get Mr. Moses Riddick to extend his operations into your city. If your group wants a direct grant, we would have to be furnished with a check on your bank as I indicated in my previous letter so that we could get voucher checks printed, but thiw would not be necessary if we conducted the program through Mr. Riddick, as he already has the voucher checks.

Sincerely yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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CENTRAL CIVIC FORUM

1520 Effingham Street
PORTSMOUTH, VA.

2000 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia 23704
July 24 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This will acknowlege your letter of some days ago, in which you state that there will allotted to the work in Portsmouth through the Portsmouth Central Civic Foruu the sum of one thousand dollars. For this we are profoundly greatful.

In the ordinary course of events and in keeping with our bylaws, we have A new set of officers. Our Present president is Dr. James W. Holley, I have placed in his hand your letter and I am sure you will be hearing from him soon.

One of the things that we are concerned with, is the best time to begin our drive; the state has passed A law requiring voters in all state anc local elections to pay poll tax as we were beforebefore the federal law went into effect. we are presently in A drive for voter registration for the November election, but this will not allow participation in the election of any state officer.

Poll tax will be due in November and December, so it is the thinking of all here that our drive should be geared to that period.

Dr. Holley is A very fine young man and will and the Forum will continue to improve its work as time will allow.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes I am,

Sincerely yours
David Muckle

August 25, 1964

Dr. James Holly, President
Central Civic Forum
1617 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Per 8-42

Dear Dr. Holly:

By this time, you should have in your possession copies of both the First and Second Annual Reports of VEP. It is indicated on the front cover of each report, "not for publication or quotation without permission." There is no objection to you using voting statistics that are included in Table III of the Second Annual Report. Please handle this information in a confidential way and observe the notation accordingly. Mr. Branton, the Voter Education Project Director, is the only person who can authorize the contents of these reports to be quoted or published. This is only routine directions to anyone possessing these reports.

Sincerely,

Joe Tucker
Field Representative

JT:bs

JAMES W. HOLLEY, III, D. D. S.
617 EFFINGHAM STREET
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE EX 3-5811

AUG 24 1964

August 22, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

At the monthly meeting of the Central Civic Forum the general membership decided to accept the $1,000 grant from voter education project. At this same meeting the general membership accepted a recommedation from the executive board that an intensified voter registration project be conducted, with phase I beginning September 1, 1964 through October 3, 1964.

Enclosed you will find a blank check of separate bank account now open with electronic account code number and account number. If it would be convenient to rush the printing of the voucher checks it would be greatly appreciated, since the remaning funds in our old account are nearly depleted and the success of phase I is hinged on the forth-coming grant from your organization.

We were thankful for Mr. Joe Tucker, presence at our last board meeting. His presence was an insipration for those attending and his comments helpful and will taken. May I take this oportunity to thank you personally for the part you played in making this grant availible. I am certain with out it we would not be able to scratch the surface.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

James W. Holley III

James W. Holley,III,D.D.S.

P.S. Note enclosed clipping from local paper.

JWH:mw

VEP 4-42

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP

Receipt acknowledged this 3rd. day of September, 1964

SIGNED:

Dr. James W. Holley III

Dr. James W. Holley, III

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

August 31, 1964

Dr. James W. Holley, III
President
Central Civic Forum
617 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-42

Dear Dr. Holley:

Upon receipt of your letter of August 22, we immediately placed an order with our printer for voucher checks for use in your VEP program. These checks are being sent to you under separate cover, and you are requested to use these checks only in making expenditures. I am also enclosing a complete set of financial instructions which you and the persons responsible for financial matters are requested to read carefully and follow very closely. The voucher checks should be used in numerical order at all times, and you should mail to our office each week, a carbon of every check which has been written or voided during the week. Mrs. Jane Moore of our staff will write you separately regarding progress reporting.

No portion of VEP funds may be used to engage in partisan politics, or in support of any particular candidate in any manner whatsoever, nor should these funds be used for the payment of poll taxes.

We maintain a policy of requesting that organizations refrain from giving any publicity to the amount of a grant from VEP, and I was certainly surprised to learn that your organization had given publicity of our grant before you ever communicated with us, as you first letter contained the clipping from the Journal and Guide. There is nothing we can do about

this now, and we will not penalize you for doing this even though we are sorry that it happened.

Our check in the amount of $1,000 representing payment of the grant in full is enclosed herein, and it is our understanding that this program will run from September 1 through October 3, 1964.

Will you please acknowledge your understanding of the conditions of this grant and receipt of the enclosed check by signing the enclosed carbon of this letter, and returning it to us at once?

It is to be understood that VEP reserves the right to cancel this program at any time, and to demand the return of any unused portion of said grant, and that you agree to promptly account to us for same.

With every good wish for a successful voter registration program.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $1,000 check
Carbon copy of this letter
Financial instructions

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The grant was made available through the Council in Atlanta, said Dr. James W. Holley, Central Civic Forum president, who also announced on Aug. 19 that a "massive voter registration drive will be held here from Sept. 1 to Oct. 3."

"THE MONEY will be used to set up our headquarters that will be centrally located," Dr. Holley indicated. He said the offices would be staffed by a group of housewives which make up the Women's Voters League. Mrs. Clara Spencer is president of that group, which numbers about 39 women. These women will also recruit voters in areas where the CCF has not made contact.

Dr. Holley asserted that his group is "shooting for 10,000 new voters in the November federal election, which is the most important election since the Civil War."

HE EMPHASIZED that since it is free, every one who meets the requirements should register and vote. The CCF will follow up on those who have not paid their poll tax at a later date. Dr. Holley said the main thing now is to get all non-voters registered for the federal election.

The plan that his group has for recruiting voters could become a tightly knit political power. In the city there are seven leagues, and each league president is a representative on the CCF. Within each league there is a membership chairman in charge of the wards.

THE WARDS are divided into sections and each of these has a chairman. A section is further broken into square blocks, with a captain who recruits street workers. Each street worker is supposed to have no more than 10 homes to cover, said the CCF president.

Badges will be worn by all workers involved in the registration campaign. "They will have Central Civic Forum Voter Registration Worker printed on them," Dr. Holley said. Some 2,000 stickers will be placed on automobiles reminding persons to register, he added.

THE REGISTRAR'S office will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., Monday to Friday with the exception of the last three Wednesdays in September. However, the registrar will open the last three Saturdays of the registration drive — Sept. 19, 26, and Oct. 3 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

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FOR THOSE persons who may need transportation to the registrar's office, CCF will probably have the answer to that problem solved too. Many of the churches owning buses will be asked to run their buses on the same route — they follow on Sundays picking up persons for church, only this ride would be to the city registrar's office, Dr. Holley indicated.

A taxi cab service has also been approached to help with transportation.

WB
JMV
JTV

JAMES W. HOLLEY, III, D. D. S.
617 EFFINGHAM STREET
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE EX 3-5811

SEP 14 1964

September 12, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

file clipping in research file.

Dear Mr. Branton:

It was very nice hearing from you. As you may note from the enclosed clipping the organization is set-up and the drive under way. The ward leadership appears solid and all block captains are enthusiastic about the project.

I can assure you that we will comply with all the rules set forth by your organization. I would like to take this opportunity to mention that the press release stating the amount of the grant was only a case of not knowing your policy and in no way was intended to indicate that there was any disregards for your policy.

I believe we will begin to see some results as the drive progress.

Sincerely,

James W. Holley III D.D.S.

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JWH/mw

Photocopy for Research file before filing. Done
VEP 4-42

October 1, 1964

Dr. James W. Holley, III
617 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-42

Dear Dr. Holley:

We received your report for September 21st through the 26th this morning. It is very interesting. You seem to be doing a good job. However, the card you mentioned that was given to students to take home was not attached. We would like very to have a copy for our files.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

10-17-64

October 7, 1964

Dr. James W. Holley, III
President
Central Civic Forum
617 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Dr. Holley:

Re VEP 4-42

We have received the invoice from the printer for the overprinting of your voucher checks. The invoice was in the following amount:

500 voucher checks	$32.55
Sales Tax	.98
TOTAL	$33.53

Rec'd 10/31/64

Will you kindly have a check written reimbursing the Voter Education Project in the above amount. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

4-42

WB

M E M O R A N D U M December 24, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-42
(Central Civic Voter ~~Project~~)

Grant:		$1000.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$498.88	
Office Rent	25.00	
Office Supplies	182.17	
Postage	11.00	
Salaries	112.00	
Tel. & Tel.	119.84	
Trav. & Trans.	25.40	
Utilities	55.00	
	$1029.29	
Less Refund on telephone and utilities	90.87	938.42
		$ 61.58
Refund to VEP		61.58

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JMV
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October 5, 1964

Rec'd 10/7/64

Mrs. Jane Bond Moore
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Please find enclosed attached imformation sheet and returned card which was given each student at all the Negro schools to take home and return attached card signed by parents or guardian next day. The response was wonderful. This was our crash project implemented durning the third week. Each class room was supplied a thermometer to denote percentage of registered parents. The local A.K.A. Chapter assisted with the stapling and distribution. We had 12,000 of each printed, also find enclosed an information card used by the members of the women voters league who handled our headquarter and phones.

Sincerely your,

James W. Holley III

James W. Holley,III,D.D.S.

4-42

CENTRAL
CIVIC FORUM
VOTER-REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

_____ Worker

_____ Civic League

PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

Please check the following if you are 21 years old or older.

1) Mr._____
   a) I am a registered voter ☐
   b) I am not a registered voter ☐

2) Mrs._____
   a) I am a registered voter ☐
   b) I am not a registered voter ☐

3) Others_____
   a) I am a registered voter ☐
   b) I am not a registered voter ☐

Address_____

Telephone_____

HOUSEHOLDER'S PLEDGE

I/we hereby promise to be a fully qualified voting citizen and to fulfill all other obligations of first class citizenship. I promise also, to encourage all other adult members of my family to register and vote.

Date _____ Attendant _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

Number telephone inquiries ____; Number persons visiting Headquarters while you were on duty _____.

Please askpersons who come in or call, how they heard about our Headquarters (Radio _____ Newspaper _____ Civic League _____ Friend _____ Other _____.

"A votoless people is a voicoless people"

Thank you for your kind assistance. CENTRAL CIVIC FORUM

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY

Poll Taxes

TO REGISTER AND VOTE

In Federal Elections

In 1964

QUALIFY TODAY — It's Easy

President Kennedy, Medgar Evers and others gave their lives—

WILL YOU GIVE A VOTE FOR YOUR FREEDOM?

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE

I do certify that I am now and have been a resident of Virginia since the date of my registration to vote under the laws of Virginia, that I am now a resident of _____

_____,
(city or county)

residing at _____
street and number, or

_____,
place or residence therein)

and that it is my intention not to remove from the city or county stated herein prior to the next general election.

_____
(Signature of resident)

Witnessed:

_____

OR

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____

day of _____ 19____.

_____
Notary Public

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YOU CAN VOTE IN THE 1964 FEDERAL ELECTIONS WITHOUT PAYING A POLL TAX

THERE ARE TWO WAYS THIS CAN BE DONE:

I

IF YOU HAVE NEVER REGISTERED, SIMPLY GO TO YOUR REGISTRAR

AND REGISTER.

IT'S EASY TO REGISTER

(Time to Register: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.)

Place to Register: MUNICIPAL BLDG.
No. 1 High Street
Second Floor

(For detailed instructions see reverse side)

II

If you are registered and have not paid your poll taxes for (1961-1962-1963) you can qualify and vote in this year's (1964) Federal Elections by:

SIGNING A CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE

Certificate of Residence Forms may be secured from your local city/county treasurers office.

Register's Office will be closed Wednesday, September 23; open on Saturday, September 26; will also be open all the week of September 28 through Saturday, October 3.

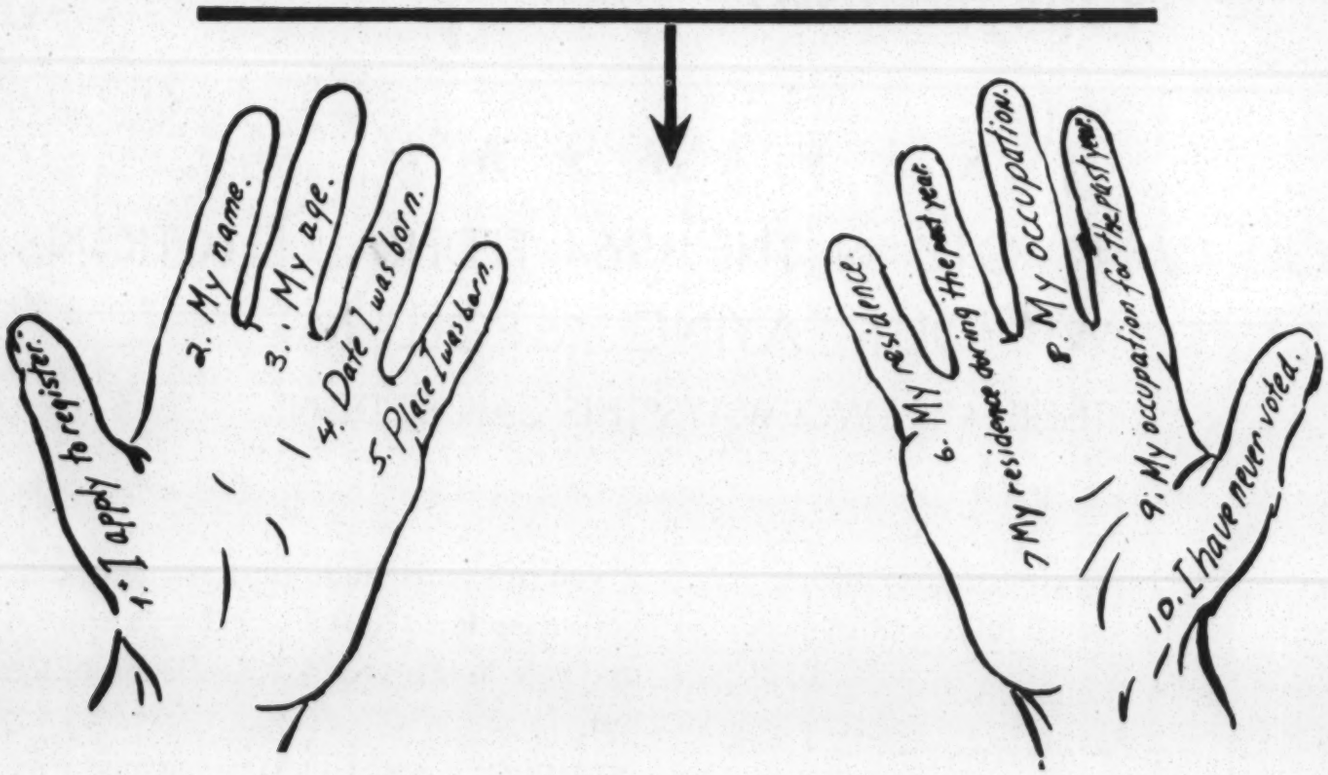
Deadline Oct. 3, 1964

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 20 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA ARE THUSLY NUMBERED:

(1) "....he make application to register in his own handwriting, without aid, suggestion, or memorandum, in the presence of the registration officer, stating therein his (2) name (3) age (4) date and (5) place of birth, (6-9) residence and occupation at the time and for one year next preceeding, and (10) whether he has previously voted and if so the state, county and precinct in which he voted last;...."

TO REGISTER

Is As Easy As Counting On Your Fingers



For further information, contact:

CENTRAL CIVIC VOTER PROJECT

712 High Street, Portsmouth, Virginia

Endorsed by Gamma Delta Omega Chapter
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority

REGISTER BY OCT. 3

CENTRAL CIVIC FORUM

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

VOTER-REGISTRATION PROJECT

Rec'd 10/12/4

News articles from 4-42 program

Portsmouth, Va.

RECORD REGISTRATION PRODUCES LINES — Prospective applicants for the vote in federal elections line up 50-strong before the Portsmouth registrar's office on the second floor of the Municipal Building. Melville B. Payne, city registrar, said today that a record 400 people qualified Saturday as the city Electoral Board brought in four assistants to triple the office staff. Payne said that if the press continues the temporary additional staff of two persons in the office may be increased. The office will be open six days this week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday is the deadline for registering for the Nov. 3, general election. (Staff Photo by J. T. McCleary)

Voter Signup Sets Record

PORTSMOUTH — A voter registration was set as 400 people signed up Saturday for the November election.

Melville B. Payne, registrar, said Saturday's turnout was about 250 more than on the previous Saturday.

Four people were added to the registrar's staff late Friday to take care of the unprecedented number of people.

Payne said Sunday that the office was so busy none of his workers were able to eat lunch and it was impossible to run a total on the number of registrations for the week.

The office will be open every day this week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Wednesday. The registrar's office will close Wednesday to make up for being open Saturday, the last day to register.

Payne said he anticipates an even larger crowd next Saturday.

"People always wait until the last day," Payne said, "and then gripe about standing in line."

He urged Sunday that people come early in the week if possible to avoid the last-minute rush.

9,000 New Voters Sign--Books To Close Saturday

PORTSMOUTH— Two months ago talk of adding 10,000 names to the list of qualified voters drew indulgent smiles from veteran politicians.

They were wearing another kind of smile today. Here is why:

★ As of this morning, a rough estimate by Melville B. Rayne, city registrar, placed the figure at 9,000 names added since June.

★ Despite a steady afternoon rain, 558 persons registered Thursday, a new one-day record.

★ There were still two full days to go before registration closes for the Nov. 3 election.

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The approaching deadline — 5 p.m. Saturday—brought requests for a plan to accommodate a wave of last-minute registrants.

With local "register to vote" drives geared for an all-out effort Saturday, the closing rush is a virtual certainty.

Raymond L. Tweed, chairman of the City Democratic Executive Committee, on behalf of his committee, asked that everyone in line at 5 p.m. be allowed to register.

He suggested adopting a system similar to that used at the polls. On election day, a policeman falls into line at the minute the polls close. Voting stops when all persons ahead of the officer have cast their ballots.

* * *

Payne said today the front door of the Municipal Building probably will have to be the cut-off point, even if people are in line outside. The building normally is officially closed for business, and the doors locked, at 5 p.m.

"There could still be lines inside that would keep us here for an hour or two," he said. The six registrants and two typists in his office have been staying until about 5:30 p.m. each day this week because of the lines.

Payne said that since last Saturday morning 2,251 persons have registered.

Most of the new registrants have been qualifying for the federal election only. Payment of the poll tax is no longer required for voting in federal elections.

* * *

Payne said that for the past two or three weeks, new registrations have been approximately evenly divided between Negroes and white people. Before that, Negro registrations were running ahead by as much as 3 to 1.

Two groups, the Democracy Committee and the Central Civic Forum, have been conducting intensive campaigns, with the endorsement of City Council, both political parties, candidates and numerous organizations.

The daily registration rate soared to over 400 after the Democracy Committee added its effort to that of the forum.

* * *

John B. Jonak, chairman of the committee, said he believes part of the increase is due to saturation techniques his group has used in distributing information leaflets. The leaflets explain requirements and show sample registration forms.

The Central Civic Forum has concentrated its efforts on a systematic canvass of Negro neighborhoods. It also has been providing transportation to the Municipal Building.

Dr. James M. Holley, president, said the campaign is not directed solely at Negroes but the work is concentrated where the percentage of voters is lowest.

WB

March 18, 1965

Dr. James W. Holley, III
617 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-42

Dear Dr. Holley:

Thank you for the report received in this office today.

Mr. Branton is in Europe at the present time, but I am sure he will be pleased to find your report on his desk when he returns.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Janet C. Shortt
Secretary to Mr. Branton

FROM THE DESK OF

DR. JAMES W. HOLLEY, III

617 EFFINGHAM STREET

EXPORT 3-5811

3-16-65

Dear Mr. Branton:

Please find enclosed report on V E P Registration Program. I am sorry for this long delay. However I am hopeful that this complied material may be of some valve.

Sincerely yours,
DrJames W. Holley,III

Portsmouth, Va.

MAR 18 1965

SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR A REPORT ON VEP REGISTRATION PROGRAMS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The voting age population, both white and Negro is 65,000. The total registration is 24,600. By race:

whites	Negroes
15,000	6,220

Median Income----$3,600

Educational Attainment----Fair

Housing Conditions----Good

Employment Conditions----Fair

Number of Negroes in public employment----14

A. Police----14

B. Firemen----None

C. Civil Service Workers----Good

D. Democratic Committee----4

E. School Board----1

F. Planning Committee----1

G. Zonning Appeal Board----1

H. Recreation Committee----1

I. Mayor's Advisory Committee----4

J. Library Board----3

Local election was factor in the drive, however, there were no Negro candidates for any party or public office.

In the activities which preceded the organization of the registration program. There were no difficulties among the leaders arising out of personal or organization friction or jealousy. The Central Civic Forum previously established political and civic action with long-term goals and purposes. The long-term goals are divided into three phases.

Phase One----The registration of all Negroes for Federal Election.

Phase Two----By the payment of poll tax by those persons who registered federally to qualify for State and Local Elections.

Phase Three--The inducement of Negroes who have just reached their 21st birthday to register and qualify for all elections. To encourage new residence to do likewise.

Our over-all purpose is to increase the Negro registration roll to such a magnitude that our strength will play an important role for any person who may seek elective office.

THE REGISTRATION PROGRAM

I. Publicity

A. Contact with organization, i.e., social political, business, labor, etc.

1.) Degree of cooperation----Good

2.) Mailings to membership----Yes

3.) Announcements in meetings----Yes

4.) Other--Radio and newspapers

B. Use of churches.

1.) How was cooperation of ministers solicited-a call meeting or individual contacts?

The president of the forum appeared before the local Ministerial Association at a call meeting. Efforts were made to

contact individual ministers by letter who were absent.

2.) Degree of cooperation? Fair

3.) Announcements, sermons, participation by ministers.

Announcements were made at Sunday services of some of the churches. Some ministers used sermons during the drive noting the importance of registration.

C. Advertisement and articles in newspapers. Include samples of all press releases whether solicited or not.

Samples of news releases were submitted during the drive.

1.) Were press releases and photos regularly submitted to newspapers? Yes.

2.) Did community interest stimulate press to seek information? Yes.

D. Radio and television time.

1.) Include information on:

a. Time: 30 second tapes

b. Date: Throughout drive

c. Number of announcements--25

d. Text: "Register Now"

e. Cost: None

f. Identity of speakers--president and two representatives of Civic League

2.) Was message taped or did staff announcer read copy? Both.

3.) Was image of the speaker part of the message? Yes.

4.) Was there any utilization of public service time? Yes.

E. Posters, handbills, tags, etc.

Include samples of all materials for distribution.

All samples of materials of distribution have been submitted.

1.) Indicate sources for materials.

a. N.A.A.C.P.

b. S.N.C.C.

c. S.C.L.C.

2.) Who distributed materials?

a. Canvassers

b. Churches

c. Businesses

d. Individuals

II. <u>MethodsKand Techniques of Conducting Drive</u>

A. Mass Meeting.

1.) Date: October 20, 1964

Time: 8:00 P. M.

Place: Fourth Baptist Church

There were no printed copies of the program.

2.) Number and identity of speakers. There were three speakers.

Were speakers selected for informative or image purposes; or both?

Speakers were selected for both informative and image purposes.

Were they celebrities, or were they leaders whose knowledge of political affairs determined their selection?

They were not celebrities. Those selected were leaders whose knowledge of political affairs determined their selection.

3.) Were those who attended followed up at the meeting, or was initiative placed on them to seek participation? Yes.

a. Were names taken for volunteer work, for registration, for instruction, etc., at meetings? Yes.

b. Degree of success of this kind of recruitment--how many participants were garnered from meetings as compared to other modes of recruitment? One-third.

B. Were the organizations mentioned in I-A and I-B above used in actual registration work? If so, how and to what extent?

Yes. They were used as section leaders, block captains and street workers.

C. Maintenance of office with full or part-time staff.

1. Paid staff. No.

2. Volunteer services. Yes.

D. Door-to-door canvassing.

1. How were areas selected for canvassing?

Areas were selected for canvassing by wards.

2. How was canvassing organized?

Canvassing was organized by civic leagues within the ward.

3. Was canvassing designed to inform, instruct, enlist prospective registrants, and provide such services as baby-sitters, transportation, etc.? Yes.

4. Were canvassers volunteer or paid? Canvassers were volunteers.

a. Were they from all walks of life or primarily students?

The canvassers were from all walks of life with some student participation.

5. What provisions were made for follow-ups to initial canvass?

The provisions for follow-ups to initial canvass was recanvassing of same areas.

6. Did canvassers receive orientation and training? How were they motivated and how did they attempt to motivate others--ideologically or practically?

Yes. They were motivated by small token prizes and they moti-

vated others both ideologically and practically.

7. How were any special problems handled?

Special problems were referred to section heads and if not solved there, referred to the executive board of the forum.

E. Parades or demonstrations or similar activities to stimulate interest.,

A sound truck circulated throughout the city on designated days urging all to register.

III.

III. The Registration Process

A. What was the attitude of the personnel in the registrar's office--official as well as personal?

The attitude of the personnel was fair and helpful in most instances. The exception being one registrar whose official duties were performed satisfactory but his personal attitude was found harsh and impatient with some persons.

B. If registrar's hours were inconvenient,,was attempt made to secure extra office hours? Was this successfully achieved?

Registrar's hours were inconvenient and attempt was made for the office to remain open all day Saturday during the drive. This was achieved.

C. Was there neighborhood registration?

No.

D. What kinds of performance was required of registrants? Was attempt made to determine whether discrimination was practiced at the office? Were affadavits taken of all incidents of discrimination?

By law the registrants were required to fill in applications.

a. Yes.

b. No affadavits were taken of incidents of discrimination since

none were reported.

E. Explore the possibility of any organized opposition, either official or unofficial, to the drive and describe it as thoroughly as possible. Look for unorganized individual or group acts tending to harass, intimidate, etc.

There was no organized opposition either official or unofficial to the drive.

F. Arrangements for pool of workers to actually go to the office with prospective registrants?

Arrangements were made for pool of workers to go to the office with prospective registrants.

G. Arrangements for transportation.

Arrangements for transportation were taxis, buses and private cars.

H. Any efforts to work with individuals who failed registration test? Literacy training? Who conducted classes? Training of literacy instructors?

Materials and methods employed? Efforts were conducted at our headquarters by the Womens Voters League to aid individuals who failed registration test. Training of literacy instructors were conducted by the excutive board of the forum. Materials used were 5,000 printed registration forms. Methods used were the filling in of registration forms over and over again until the registrant could complete it without mistakes or assistance.

I. Was public attention given by white newspapers, radios, television, addresses, etc. to the drive?

Extensive public attention was given by white newspapers and radio but only limited television time was allowed.

IV. An Attempt Should Be Made to Describe the Attitude of Public Officials Officials Towards the Drive

1.) What were their perceptions of this activity among Negroes?

Their perception was good.

2.) How accurately were they informed as to numbers participating?

They were accurately informed by news release.

3.) To what extent did they approve or disapprove?

They approved to the extent that the local Junior Chamber of Commerce and City Council passed resolutions in support of the drive.

4.) Did they perceive this as qualitatively different from similar white activity?

No, similar endorsement of white activity was noted.

V. <u>What Were the Results of the Drive?</u>

A. Number of persons registered according to records kept by your office?

5,547.

B. Increase according to official records during the period of the drive?

5,102.

C. Number of persons involved in volunteer work?

There were 310 persons involved in volunteer work.

D. Number of paid personnel?

There were none.

E. Were incentives offered for increased registration either to prospects or to workers?

Incentives were offered to both prospects and workers.

VI. It is my candid opinion that the over-all performance of the organization in conducting the campaign was thoroughly a success, attested by the qualified results. If at some future date another campaign is conducted, I believe that the same organization designed would be suitable with some

slight modifications to justify the change of time.

CENTRAL CIVIC FORUM

Group Support

A. Women Voter League

B. Sororities

C. Fraternaties

D. Clubs

E. Churches

F. Masonic Orders

EXECUTIVE BOARD

A. President

B. Secretary

C. Treasurer

D. All League Presidents and two members at large.

CIVIC LEAGUES

One in each ward

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMANS

One from each civic league

SECTION HEADS

Several in each ward depending on size.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Several in each section

STREET WORKERS

One for each street in a block

Court Test, Campaigns November 5, 1964 LEDGER-STAR

Negro Strategy Begins

By WAYNE WOODLIEF

Liberal Democrats and Negro leaders in Tidewater are already engaged in plans to harness for state and local elections the tremendous energy Negro voters displayed in Tuesday's federal balloting.

The immediate strategy calls for:

★ A court test of the state attorney general's ruling that voters who registered only for the federal election this year must not only pay poll taxes but re-register to qualify for state and local voting.

★ Pay-the-poll tax campaigns in Negro precincts.

★ Pressure on city and county treasurers to make greater efforts to collect past due poll taxes.

The Negro vote was, unquestionably, the decisive factor in the Johnson-Humphrey ticket's win in Virginia and in the Norfolk area 2nd District.

Negroes backed the Democratic presidential team with margins up to 99 per cent in 2nd District precincts. The Negro vote for Johnson and Humphrey was reportedly just as heavy in other sections of Virginia.

The State Board of Elections has estimated the Negro vote in the state Tuesday at 200,000. The Johnson-Humphrey ticket carried the state by about 75,000.

Totals in predominantly Negro precincts show not only overwhelming percentages for Johnson, but a far heavier total vote than in past years.

In Ward 3, a predominantly Negro area in Chesapeake's South Norfolk Borough, Johnson's margin in the ward's two precincts was 1,035 to 157. In 1960, when the ward had only one precinct, John F. Kennedy topped Richard Nixon, 233-102. The Negro vote put Johnson over the top in Chesapeake, where his margin was less than 500 votes.

In Norfolk, where the Negro vote went to Johnson by about 98 per cent, city registrar Mary Dudley estimates about 10,000 of the city's more than 70,000 registered voters are Negro. The total vote Tuesday in the city's predominantly Negro precincts: about 9,000.

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Liberals and Negro leaders took advantage of the demise of the poll tax requirement in federal elections to initiate highly successful voter registration drives throughout Tidewater this year.

Norfolk's total of Negro registered voters increased from about 6,000 to 10,000 in three months. In Portsmouth, Negro registration soared from just over 6,000 to 11,419 in the same period, and the vote in Stuart 3 Ward there illustrated the Negro response to Goldwater. Johnson carried the precinct, 2,290 to 11.

Yet in both cities and in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake, where Negro registration was also heavy, registrars estimate that no more than 10 per cent of the new voters also qualified for state and local elections by paying their poll taxes.

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State law requires that the tax must be paid for the three years preceding an election for a resident to vote. With non-payment penalties attached to the $1.50 a year tax, the payment for those who have never paid the tax would be about $5.

Frederick T. Stant Jr., 2nd District chairman, today said local treasurers should make greater efforts to collect poll taxes.

"Everyone who is registered and on the books should be sent poll tax slips right now," Stant said today. "They force you to pay every tax in Virginia except the poll tax."

Norfolk Del. Henry E. Howell has charged in the past that the poll tax is used only to restrict the vote in Virginia. He said early this year that local treasurers don't really try to collect the tax from Negroes. "There are," he said, "10 million dollars in uncollected poll taxes in this state."

Stant also predicted a court test of Virginia Atty. Gen. Robert Button's ruling in September that people now registered only for federal elections must

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REGISTRATION DRIVE — Workers in the Central Civic Forum's voters registration campaign call on prospective registrants. From left are Marion Blount and Mrs. Sadie B. Stancil, block captains; Kelly Briley, president of the Madison Ward Civic League; and Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Holly, of the 2800 block of Portsmouth Boulevard. The registration drive is to continue through Oct. 3. (Staff Photo by Mike Williams)

Top Registration Expected Saturday

PORTSMOUTH—Personnel in the registrar's office are bracing for a tidal wave of last-minute registrants on Saturday. A full force of regular and temporary registrars and temporary typists will be on hand in the registrar's office and in the City Council chambers.

Annouced hours of registration are from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. But fearful that some would-be registrants might be cut off at closing time by the volume of applicants, Raymond L. Tweed, chairman of the City Democratic Executive Committee Thursday issued a statement on behalf of his committee.

It said, in essence, that all persons in line at 5 p.m. should be allowed to register regardless of the hour. It suggested a system be adopted similar to that at the polls.

On election days, a policeman assigned to the precinct falls into the line of voters at the closing minute. Voting stops when all ahead of the policeman have cast their ballots.

Meanwhile, voter registration has been continuing at a rate of slightly over 400 per day despite the rains.

John B. Jonak, chairman of The Democracy Committee, believes part of the phenomenal increase in registrations is due to the saturation techniques his group has used in distributing leaflets. These papers explain the requirements and show sample registration forms.

The committee's work has brought endorsement from the Portsmouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, the City Council, the Young Democrats, GOP candidate Wayne Lustig, the city Democratic executive committee, the Women's Democratic Club and other organizations.

Also pressing for full registraion of qualified persons have been all political organizations and civic leagues.

Vote Drive Supported By Group

PORTSMOUTH — The Portsmouth Democratic Executive Committee is backing the campaigns to increase voter registration in Portsmouth, Raymond Tweed, chairman, said Tuesday.

Tweed specifically mentioned the work of The Democracy Committee, a group of private citizens, in helping spur interest in increasing the registration rolls.

The Democracy Committee, headed by John Jonak, has canvassed shopping centers and downtown merchants passing out information leaflets.

Saturday is the last day for registration for the presidential election. The registrar's office will be open daily and on Saturday.

WHEN?
by the Old Grouch

WHEN public spirited citizens dedicate much of their time and energy to encouraging people to register and vote in Portsmouth and Chesapeake they deserve orchids as a token expression of appreciation for their contribution of democracy.

Many groups in both Portsmouth and Chesapeake have worked hard at urging prople in the area to register for the vote so that they may exercise their full rights and responsibilities as citizens.

Their good work coupled with the fact that recent federal moves have made it possible to register for the vote in federal elections without paying the poll tax or stumbling over cumbersome state registration machinery is bringing the large turnout of registrants.

Everyone who hasn't registered should do so. The deadline for the Nov. 3 election is Saturday. Hours of registration offices are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the remainder of this week.

Just Want To Vote, Say Registrants

By OWEN EASLEY

PORTSMOUTH—"I just want to vote" is the theme expressed by the vast majority of people lined up to register this week before the Saturday deadline.

The long queues of people waiting patiently seem to be something of a mass movement. They are anxious to register to vote because others are doing it.

Undoubtedly, as some explained, it represents a long pent up desire to vote that has been released with relaxation of poll tax requirements in the upcoming presidential election.

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Indications are that the sudden surge of voting power will help the Democratic national ticket. Those who gave any specific political reason said they wanted to support the Johnson-Humphrey ticket.

But there were others who implied strong convictions that they did not want to discuss as they waited to register.

A small minority was waiting to have registrations transferred and a somewhat larger number of people has just become eligible by virtue of having turned 21 in recent months.

But whatever the cause, the rush of registration promises to produce a record breaking ballot in the November election. Melville B. Payne has estimated that more than 7,000 people will qualify for federal elections.

The long lines formed by registration applicants is unusual in Virginia, a state noted for small voter participation. To determine the reason the Ledger-Star today interviewed at random some of those citizens waiting in line.

The clearest expression of the anti-poll tax theme came from **Mrs. Leroy Parker, 38,** who is assistant manager of the Elizabeth Manor Country Club and resides at 304 Mohican Drive.

"I don't approve of the poll tax. This will be my first chance to vote without the tax," Mrs. Parker said. Though a native of Portsmouth she has not registered to vote until this year.

John D. Griffin Jr., 24, a men's clothing salesman living at 812 Vermont Ave., echoed Mrs. Parker in wanting to take advantage of the no-poll-tax provision applying in the approaching election.

Here is what others said:

Mrs. Lewis Griffin, housewife, 213 Logan Dr., "I am a new resident of the state from Senator Humphrey's hometown, Minneapolis, Minn., and I want to vote for him here."

Mrs. Carrie Overton, housewife, 1518 Green St., "I like the Democrats. They do a little more for you."

Mrs. Robert Burgess, housewife, 27 Rogers Place, reading in line after hour wait: "I have just never voted. I don't care too much for either candidate, but will choose the lesser of two evils."

One man of all those queried declined comment.

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William Harding, 49, general helper, Naval Shipyard, 514 Killian Ave., "I think it is something that will help us all."

Mrs. Mamie Brown, housewife, 2208 Atlanta Ave., "I am registering just because everybody else is."

Mrs. Louis Keczan, housewife, 2024 Darden Terrace, "I just wanted to this year though I haven't before."

Personnelman First Class Charles Nash, 26, 512 Rapidan St., "I am in the Navy . . . and am making my residence here. The Navy stresses the importance of voting."

Mrs. D. L. Wilson Jr., practical nurse, 400 Stratford St., "I am registering because it is my right, and I have the opportunity to do so, and I have a choice (in the election)."

Benjamin N. Powell, 26, truck operator, 3403 Brighton St., "I feel like everybody ought to get out and vote."

Mrs. Ruby Knowles, housewife, 420 Belmont Ave., "I want to vote. I have no particular reason."

Mrs. Jacqueline Close, housewife, 304 Bunche Blvd., "I have been urged by my civic league to vote, and Mr. Johnson would make a fine president. I want to vote for him."

Mrs. Beatrice Williams, 21, housewife, 4713 King St., "This is the first election since I was 21. I just want to vote to be a citizen."

Thomas Whitt, 21, shoe salesman, 3917 George Washington Highway, "This is the first year I have been eligible and there is greater enthusiasm for the first election."

Mrs. Jimmy R. Spruill, housewife, 1705 Hodges Ferry Rd., "I just decided to vote for no particular reason. I just didn't take the time before."

James Brown, 21, clerk, 1306 Hoover St., in line with baby in arm cradle and wife ahead of him, "This is an age when voting is important."

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Gettys, 615 Jewel Ave., "transferring from Chesapeake."

Mrs. Grace Moore, retired clerk, 312 Tarryton Lane, "I just feel like I should vote. I want to support my party (Democratic)."

William Granger, 46, pipefitter, 14 Calvin St., "I just want to vote so I can be a citizen."

Frank Caudle, 58, newspaper printer, 26 W. Pollux Circle, "I just want to vote. I want to be counted," he said pulling out a form circulated by the Democracy Committee, a get out the vote organization.

Mrs. Sadie Hinton, substitute school teacher, 2604 S. Dahlia St., "I want to vote now because I won't have to pay any poll tax."

Every Qualified Voter Urged By City Council To Register

PORTSMOUTH — City Council has adopted a resolution urging every qualified voter to register, if he has not already done so. Saturday is the deadline for registering to vote Nov. 3.

The action was taken last night in response to a request from John B Jonak, chairman of the Democracy Committee The committee is a group of private citizens conducting a registration campaign.

Jonak asked the council to endorse the work of the Democracy Committee and all other organizations involved in registration or good citizenship drives.

The Central Civic Forum is conducting an intensive canvass in Negro neighborhoods, and many clubs are sponsoring campaigns. The Democracy Committee is engaged in distributing 60,000 leaflets showing questions registrants must answer.

The drives have swelled voter lists to record proportions and portend a record turnout at the Nov. 3 balloting.

A closing hour rush Tuesday boosted registrations for the day to 515, the most yet. A record of 400 was set Saturday, and 367 showed up Monday despite heavy showers shortly after noon.

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Melville B. Payne, city registrar, said the pace has slowed somewhat today, but he predicted another late rush this afternoon. Eight people are now employed to move the lines faster.

Figures vary as to the number of new registrants because the registrar's office has been too busy to keep count. Four temporary registrars and two typists had to be employed this week.

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Payne said Monday that about 7,000 names have been added since the books reopened following the June election. Dr. James M. Holley, president of the Central Civic Forum, last night set the figure at about 8,50.

He expressed hope that the group's goal of 10,000 will be reached when the books are closed Saturday evening.

About 23,500 names were on the lists before the June election.

LEDGER-STAR

MONDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 31, 1964

(note:) News clipping sent with Jane W. Holley letter dated 9/12/64

Civic Unit Organizes Vote Drive

PORTSMOUTH — An intensive drive to register Negro voters, probably the best organized in the city's history, will get under way Tuesday.

The campaign is spearheaded by the Central Civic Forum and its president, Dr. James W. Holley. Its immediate goals is to add 10,000 names to the voter lists between Sept. 1 and Oct. 3.

"This will certainly be the most intensive registration campaign ever waged here," Dr. Holley said. "I think we are going to start seeing some results.

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The Central Civic Forum in July decided to concentrate its efforts in this direction. The purpose is to register voters of all races, the forum announced. However, the drive will be focused on wards where registration and voting percentages are lowest.

For the most part, these are predominantly Negro neighborhoods.

Spurred by a $1,000 grant from the Southern Regional Council, much spadework for the elaborate campaign already has been done, Dr. Holley said. Two paid workers have been researching the voter lists and gathering data from other sources for use in the drive.

"When the volunteer block workers begin calling on people, they will be armed with folders telling who the non-voters are and where they live," he said. "We also will know something about their families, occupation and economic situation."

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The Central Civic Forum will coordinate the work of its five member groups, the Harrison Ward, Wilson Ward and Progressive (Tyler and Washington wards) civic leagues.

It also will carry the drive into wards with no leagues, or inactive leagues. The Woman's Voter League will do much of the work in these areas, Dr. Holley said.

The organization in each ward will be headed by a membership chairman. Under him will come section heads and then block captains.

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Each captain for a block or sub-block will have four workers, each of whom will be assigned to no more than 10 families. It will be the workers' responsibility to try to get every eligible adult in these families to qualify to vote in the Nov. 3 presidential election.

In addition to the canvass, the forum plans to distribute auto bumper stickers and post placards urging people to register. It also plans to provide transportation to the Municipal Building on three Saturdays when the registrar's office will be open.

This phase of the campaign will end on Oct. 3, when the books close for the federal election. The effort will not be ended, however, Dr. Holley said.

"We will have a sort of moratorium for one month, then we will regroup and see where we are," he said.

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After the election, the forum plans to plow the same ground again, this time seeking to qualify voters for state and local elections through payment of poll taxes.

He termed the upcoming federal election "a breakthrough for us."

"It is the first time we have been able to register and vote without paying a poll tax," he said.

"We think that once we get people registered and when they vote once—some have never voted, you know—we will be able to get them to qualify for other elections."

If his predictions are fulfilled, the registration campaign's significance will not be limited to the Johnson-Goldwater contest for the presidency.

UCP-4-42

September 1, 1964

Dr. James W. Holley, III
President
Central Civic Forum
617 Effingham Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-42

Dear Dr. Holley:

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of research reporting forms. We request that you submit a report each week, starting from the beginning of your project. We believe that the items on the forms are self-explanatory, but feel free to question or make comments.

At the conclusion of your project, we will expect a comprehensive narrative report. This should include a thorough discussion of all aspects of your program and an assessment of its effectiveness.

If we can be of assistance to you, let us know. We welcome your questions and comments.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

SEP 14 1964

Recorded - JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Central Civic Voter Project

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 1st. to Sept. 5th.

Person reporting Dr. James W. Holley, III

617 Effingham Street — Portsmouth — Virginia

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: September 12, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Second Congressional

Portsmouth, Virginia

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1,100

Number instructed at home 261

Number instructed at clinics 127

Number instructed other places 49 a. Specify places

C.E. Ellis Residence Headquarters

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 173

Number successfully registered by this project this week 166

Number denied registration in this project this week 7

a. Reason for denial Inability to read and write

Number contacted by other means 1,500

a. Specify means Churchs, Fraternities, Schools

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 166

Number of workers in the campaign 289

Remarks Making Progress

VEP 4-42

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JAMES W. HOLLEY, III, D. D. S.
617 EFFINGHAM STREET
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE EX 3-5811

SEP 14 1964

September 12, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

file clipping in research file.

Dear Mr. Branton:

It was very nice hearing from you. As you may note from the enclosed clipping the organization is set-up and the drive under way. The ward leadership appears solid and all block captains are enthusiastic about the project.

I can assure you that we will comply with all the rules set forth by your organization. I would like to take this opportunity to mention that the press release stating the amount of the grant was only a case of not knowing your policy and in no way was intended to indicate that there was any disregards for your policy.

I believe we will begin to see some results as the drive progress.

Sincerely,

James W. Holley III D.D.S.

James W. Holley,III,D.D.S.

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photocopy for Research files before filing.
VEP 4-42

9/18/64

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Central Civic Voter

Recorded

Period covered by this report: From 7- September to I2-September

Person reporting Dr. James W. Holley

6I7 Effingham St. Portsmouth Va.

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Septmber I7,I964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Portsmouth Va.

Second Congressional

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass I,400

Number instructed at home 56

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places ~~97~~ 8I a. Specify places

Headquarters

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 352

Number successfully registered by this project this week 34I

Number denied registration in this project this week II

a. Reason for denial Reading & Writing

Number contacted by other means 350

a. Specify means Lettres to Social & Saving Clubs

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 407

Number of workers in the campaign 33I

Remarks Picking up steam

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Portsmouth's Dr. Holley "Gratified"

Rain Fails To Dampen Kick-Off Of Vote Drive

PORTSMOUTH — The aftermath of more than 11 inches of rainfa and a heavily overcast sky was hardly enough to deter the Central Civic Forum from kicking-off its voter registration campaign Tuesday.

"I can say that we are very gratified with the results that we received on the first day, considering how bad the weather was," said Dr. James A. Holley, president of CCF.

DR. HOLLEY aso indicated that if a person really wanted to get to the city registrar's office, using the weather is no excuse. "Safeway Taxi Cabs will pick you up, take you to the city registrar's office and bring you back home if you call the company between 10 a. m. and 12 noon daily until registration closes Oct. 3.," the CCF president said.

In other developments, Dr. Holley spoke Wednesday before the Interdenominational Ministers Forum of Portsmouth and Vicinity, pleading for full cooperation from the ministers and the use of the church buses for transporting people to the registrar's office.

HE ASSERTED that he would like to have the buses used especially on the Saturdays that the registrar's office is schedued to be open Sept. 19, 26 and Oct. 3.

"We would like for those churches with buses to make two runs on each of those Saturdays, in many instances picking up their own people and taking them to be registered."

PAUL WILSON, vice president of CCF, is heading a "voter in education" drive which is a sub-division of the main project. This "voter in education" drive is aimed at registering all school teachers who have not done so, he said.

The Women's Voters League this week is canvassing Washington Park and is schedued to move to Ida Barbour Park next week and on Lincoln Park the following week.

THE WOMEN'S Voters League will staff the headquarters of the voter registration project as soon as negotiations have been completed. A site on downtown High street is schedued to be opened in the near future.

In an effort to get some 10,000 names added to the books by Oct. 3, the CCF has also begun a project to reactivate Monroe Ward under the direction of Mrs. Wiia Jones. Dr. Holley also indicated that other plans will be revealed at a later date.

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JOURNAL AND GUIDE

Discussing The Vote Campaign Plans

Hard at work putting the finishing touches on the planned Portsmouth voter registration campaign set Sept. 1-Oct. 3 are three officers of the Central Civic Forum, sponsors of the drive. With them, at left, is Joe L. Tucker of the Southern Regional Council's Voters Education Project, Atlanta, who was a guest at the Aug. 19 planning meeting. The Atlanta project has awarded the Forum a $1,000 grant to assist in financing the program.

The Portsmouth officers are, left to right, Mrs. Loraine Johnson, Forum secretary; Mrs. Clara Spencer, president, Women's Voters League; and Dr. James W. Holley 3rd, Forum president.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: ~~Voter Registration Crash Project~~

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 14, 1964 to Sept. 18, 1964

Person reporting M. W. Thornhill, Jr. President -Lynchburg Voters League

525 Smyth Street- Lynchburg, Virginia
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: September 18, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: 3 sections of Lynchburg namely:

Reservoir Hill, Camp Davis and Rivermont
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 212

Number instructed at home 207

Number instructed at clinics 67 (workers)

Number instructed other places 43 a. Specify places

churches and homes

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week approximately 100

Number successfully registered by this project this week approx. 95

Number denied registration in this project this week approx. 5

a. Reason for denial Illiteracy (We are offering an instructor for these persons.

Number contacted by other means 42 (Forty-two) letters to clubs & organizations

a. Specify means letters urging all members to be 100% registered voters

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 400 or better

Number of workers in the campaign 67 (this week's report)

Remarks We were fortunate this week in having 15 students from Randolph Macon Women's College to work with us in the crash project and will work in the future.

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YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY
Poll Taxes
TO REGISTER AND VOTE
In Federal Elections
In 1964

QUALIFY TODAY
It's Easy

(See Pages 2 & 3)

President Kennedy, Medgar Evers
and others gave their lives -
WILL YOU GIVE A VOTE
FOR YOUR FREEDOM?

YOU CAN VOTE IN THE 1964 FEDERAL ELECTION WITHOUT PAYING A POLL TAX

IF YOU WERE BORN BEFORE NOVEMBER 4, 1943
and
IF YOU HAVE LIVED IN VIRGINIA SINCE NOVEMBER 3, 1963

Y O U C A N V O T E T H I S Y E A R

IN THE NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION WITHOUT PAYING A POLL TAX.

IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE

REGISTER

-NOW-

IT'S EASY TO REGISTER
(For detailed instructions see pages 4 & 5)

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 20 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA ARE THUSLY NUMBERED:

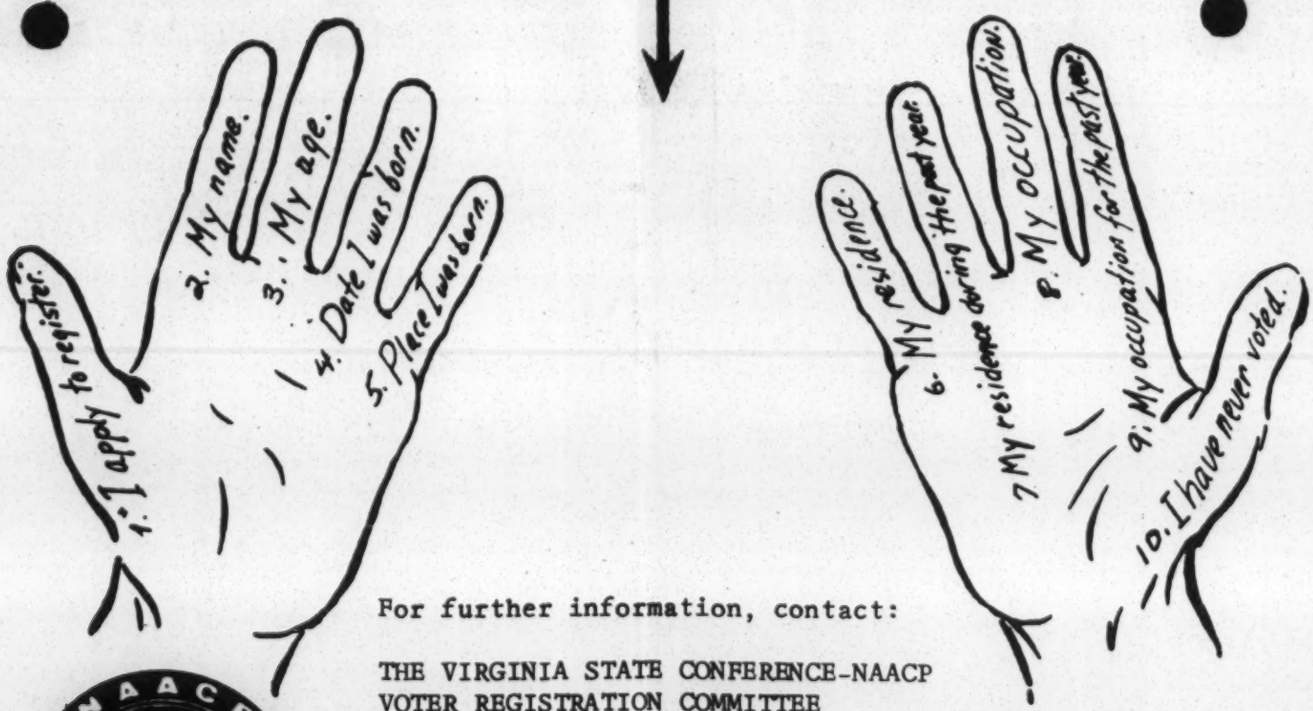
(1) "...he make application to register in his own handwriting, without aid, suggestion, or memorandum, in the presence of the registration officer, stating therein his (2) name (3) age (4) date and (5) place of birth, (6-9) residence and occupation at the time and for one year next preceeding, and (10) whether he has previously voted, and if so the state, county and precinct in which he voted last;...."

YOUR LOCAL REGISTRAR MAY REQUIRE YOU TO MAKE YOUR APPLICATION ON A PRINTED FORM OR ON A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER OR A MODIFICATION OF THE TWO. YOUR NAACP VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL ADVISE YOU - PLEASE ASK.

- BUT REGARDLESS -

TO REGISTER

Is As Easy As Counting On Your Fingers



For further information, contact:

THE VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE-NAACP
VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
301 East Clay Street, Richmond, Va. 23219
Phone: 644-5678 or 648-2435
- or -
Your Local NAACP Voter Registration Committee

NAACP FOUNDED 1909 over 50 years

Please turn to page 5

USING BLANK SHEETS OF PAPER, PRACTICE WRITING YOUR APPLICATION AS SHOWN IN SAMPLE BELOW UNTIL YOU CAN WRITE IT CORRECTLY FROM MEMORY.

I apply to register.

My name is _____.
(Your full name)

I am _____ years old.
(give age)

I was born _____.
(Month - Day - Year)

I was born in _____.
(Place of birth - City or Town or County & State)

I live in _____ Precinct of the

(City) (County) of _____.

I have lived here for more than a year.

I am a _____.
(Kind of work you do)

I have done this kind of work for more than a year.

I have never voted.

_____
(Signature of Applicant)

_____
(RFD, Route or Street Number)

_____
(Town or City)

It is very important that the following words be spelled correctly in your application. Study them. Check them each time you practice writing your application.

apply	register	than
County	here	Virginia
voted	live	born
year	lived	years

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CRASH PROJECT

1 - Cover Your Territory

A. Stop at each home and introduce yourself

B. State your purpose

C. Ask if each adult in the home is a registered voter

1. If they are not - inform them that they can register and vote in the November Election Free. No poll tax needs to be paid.

2. Ask them to sign the pledge that they will go down to city hall and register.

3. Show them the sample registration form. Leave one at each person's home.

4. Make them understand how easy and important it is to register and vote.

5. Offer to go with them down to register

6. Be friendly - don't get angry - regardless

D. Go next door or to the next home in your assignment and repeat the same operation.

11. At nine thirty o'clock return to church and be ready to give second reports of your work

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111. Follow up your contacts.

Keep encouraging and persuading the people until they go down and register

REMEMBER Its Free In November

The following people offer transportation and/or assistance in taking people to register.

Mrs. Bernice Hill	VI 6 1578	Mrs. Webster Warrick	VI 6 1704
Mrs. Anne Wesley	VI 5 5145	Mrs. Yvonne Ferguson	VI 6 5641

Mr. M. W. Thornhill VI 7 7776

CITY PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES

FIRST WARD	1st Precinct	Buick Motor Company, Federal Street
	2nd Precinct	Life Saving Station, Rivermont Ave.
	3rd Precinct	Vaughan Motor Co., Bedford Ave.
	4th Precinct	Garland-Rodes School, Rivermont Ave.
	5th Precinct	Peakland School, 1331 Oak Lane
	6th Precinct	Bedford Hills School, Morningside Drive and Indian Hill Road
SECOND WARD	1st Precinct	Old Courthouse on Court Street
	2nd Precinct	E. C. Glass High School, Memorial avenue and Langhorne Road
	3rd Precinct	Fort Hill Fire Station
	4th Precinct	DeWitt's Store, 3008 Memorial Avenue
	5th Precinct	Fort Hill Club
	6th Precinct	Chestnut Hill Baptist Church, Fort avenue and Chestnut Hill Drive
THIRD WARD	1st Precinct	New Grace Street Fire Station
	2nd Precinct	Moseley Brothers, 2308 12th Street
	3rd Precinct	Fort Hill School, Liggates Road
	4th Precinct	Arthur's Shoe Shop, Campbell Avenue (May be changed)

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE IN YOUR GOVERNMENT

USE YOUR VOTE ! ! !

Polling places in both city and counties are subject to change. Watch your newspaper for information on any change of your place to vote.

Sample for pledges to study

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

Lynchburg, Va. ..... 196 .....

I hereby make application for registration as a qualified voter of Precinct ....., Ward ....., City of Lynchburg, Virginia, and declare as follows:

Full Name .....
First Middle or Maiden Last

My age is ..... years. Date of Birth .....
Month Day Year

Place of Birth .....

Present Lynchburg address .....

I have lived in Virginia .....years; In Lynchburg ..... years; In Precinct .....years

My occupation is .....

My telephone number is ..... Name of husband or wife .....

If Naturalized: Date ..... Place ..... Court .....

Military Record: Service ..... Date of Discharge ..... Serial No. .....

Social Security or Identification Number: .....

Have you ever been convicted of a crime which would disqualify you from registering aud voting in Virginia under Section 24-18 of the Code of Virginia? .....

Have disabilities been removed? ..... Date of pardon or certificate .....

I voted last at .....
City State

REGISTRATION OATH

I, ... do solemnly swear or (affirm) that I am entitled to register under the Constitution and Laws of this State and that I am not disqualified from exercising the right of suffrage by the Constitution of Virginia.

Signed: .....

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of ..... 196.....

.....
Registrar

To be filled in by Registrar

First tax due: .....

Tax Paid: .....

I understand that Negroes will never be treated like first-class citizens unless they use their voting strength in their fight for freedom. I understand that our children will be led into the life of second-class citizens if we adults do not vote. Therefore, I promise to become a qualified voter.

Name_____ Address_____ Phone_____

I promise to become a qualified voter_____ _____ and to vote on election
Time Date
day. I need ☐ transportation ☐ baby sitter ☐ _____

Signature _____

Name_____ Address_____ Phone_____

I promise to become a qualified voter_____ _____ and to vote on election
Time Date
day. I need ☐ transportation ☐ baby sitter ☐ _____

Signature _____

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Signature _____

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Signature _____

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Name_____ Address_____ Phone _____

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Signature _____

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Compliments Worker _____

NAACP's Crusade For Voters Address _____

Precinct Worker_____ Date of Survey _____

Letters

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*

525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

September 14, 1964

Dear_____:

We are asking all Crash Chairmen to inform their workers to follow up all pledges; reminding the pledgees of the October 3rd. deadline for registration.

Please fill out the form below and return to the Voters League's office in the enclosed self-addressed envelope by September 25th.

Thanking you in advance,
Executive Committee for
Voters Registration

Name of Hill_____Date of Crash_____

Name of Chairman_____

No. of workers participating in crash_____

No. of pledges secured_____

No. of pledgees who actually registered_____

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*

525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

September 15, 1964

Dear_____:

Please encourage your workers to continue to contact the non-registered members of their church and remind them of the October 3rd. deadline for registration.

Fill out form below and return to the Voters League's office by Sept. 25th.

Thanking you in advance,
Executive Committee for
Voters Registration

Name of Church_____

No. of workers on committee_____

No. of pledges secured_____

No. of pledgees who actually registered_____

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Clubs & organizations

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*
525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

September 15, 1964

Dear Citizens:

You are aware no doubt that the Voters League is conducting a city-wide registration crash program for the November election. We are attempting to inform all people that for the first time one can vote free (without paying of any poll tax) in federal elections.

This election is of such vital importance that we are urging all people to register before October 3rd. and vote in November. We hope that you will not just read or hear this but will feel that you must expend your effort to get at least one other person registered. As we aspire for first class citizenship, our time and our efforts must be directed toward greater civic participation.

We should be proud to hear that your membership is 100% registered.

We'd appreciate your giving the enclosed form your attention.

Urgently yours,

Y. T. Ferguson

Name of Organization _____

No. of Members _____

No. of Members Registered _____

Contribution toward November election expenses

$_____ Enclosed.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Centeral Civic Voters Project

Period covered by this report: From 9-14-64 to 9-19-64

Person reporting Dr. James W. Holley, III

617 Effingham Street — Portsmouth, — Virginia
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: September 21, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Portsmouth, Virginia

Second Congressional District
Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1,092

Number instructed at home 80

Number instructed at clinics None

Number instructed other places 205 a. Specify places

Headquarters

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 751

Number successfully registered by this project this week 745

Number denied registration in this project this week 6

a. Reason for denial Reading and writeing

Number contacted by other means 1,200

a. Specify means Clubs and Churchs

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1,318

Number of workers in the campaign 388

Remarks Moveing along

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Civic Forum's HQ

Register-Vote Office Set Up At 712 High Street

PORTSMOUTH — Headquarters for the Central Civic Forum's voter registration drive were established this week at 712 High street.

Dr. John Holley III, CCF president, indicated that the offices will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. daily, except Sunday. He said that as the drive gains momentum the headquarters will stay open longer.

"Persons interested in receiving any information about registering to vote in the November federal elections should come to the headquarters or call 393-4347 or 393-6160," Dr. Holley said.

THE headquarters is staffed by members of the Women's Voters League.

"We have the necessary sample forms that persons will have to fill out in the registrar's office," said Dr. Holley. "Anyone needing help in filling out the forms should come to our voter registration center and women here will teach them how to properly execute the forms."

THE OFFICE staff will also clearly explain the ward and precinct in which a person is now living by phone for those persons who are interested to know. Some of the members will canvass by phone the areas that the CCF has not organized. Those areas include Jefferson and Jackson wards.

CCF has organized units in Tyler, Washington, Harrison, Wilson, Stuart, Lee and Monroe wards.

"These ladies will not only call each person to see if he or she is going to the registrar's office, but they will also send transportation to pick the person up and take him to the registrar's office, except during the hours of 10 a. m. to 12 noon daily," the CCF president asserted.

DURING that two - hour period Safeway Taxi Cab company has consented to transport persons to and from the registrar's office free of charge while the voter registration drive is in progress.

Dr. Holley indicated that a group of persons who do not work during the day, or are retired, have given the service of their automobiles to carry persons to the registrar's office during the day.

"THE RESPONSE has been tremendous, almost overwhelming; however, there is still much work to be done if we intend to reach our goal," he said. "There is still room for more volunteers to work in all areas. This job cannot be done by a few people."

The Interdenominational Ministers Forum of Portsmouth and Vicinity went on record last week to support the registration drive.

THE GROUP is urging all of its church members to register before the deadline, and those churches with buses have agreed to let their bus make trips in various communities, picking up persons, taking them to the registrar's office and returning them home. They also agreed to set up voter registration committees in each church.

Although no figures have been released in connection with the number of persons who have been registered as a result of the voter registration drive, a report is scheduled to be given at the next meeting of the executive committee of CCF, scheduled for the first of next week.

HEADQUARTERS OPENS—These three volunteers have opened the Central Civic Forum's voter registration headquarters on High Street. From left are Mrs. Geneva Scarbough, Mrs. Annie Shuler and Mrs. Clara Spencer. The forum, made up of all the Negro civic leagues in the city, is pressing for the widest possible voter participation in the Nov. 3 general electon. The deadline for registration is Oct 3. (Staff Photo by J. C. McClenny)

Complaint Slows Registration At City Registrar's Office

PORTSMOUTH — A complaint has forced the Portsmouth registrar's office to require that all applicants for voter registration fill out applications in person though the procedure is slowing registration in the pre-election rush period.

James C. Bray, chairman of the Portsmouth Electoral Board, today said that Miss Laura G. Driscoll had written a letter to him complaining of procedure used in the registrar's office to speed processing for voting franchise applicants.

Personnel in the city registrars' office had been filling in forms for applicants in order to "expedite" registration and to make the information supplied for the forms more legible, Melville B. Payne, city general registrar, said.

Payne pointed out that there has been a marked slowdown in registration work in his office since the new system went into effect several weeks ago.

"You get some of these people who fool around with it (the application) 15 minutes. We had one yesterday take two and a half hours" completing the application, he added.

In her letter to the board chairman Miss Driscoll pointed out that the faster procedure formerly used by the city registrar's office was "entirely incorrect" and violated state election laws.

Bray agreed with the complainant that the fast method adopted by the registrar's office violated the law, but added that he considered it "no grave violation."

The electoral board chairman said he had instructed the registrar's office to follow state law requiring registrants to complete applications without assistance.

"It will slow us up but we have got to comply with the law 100 per cent," Bray added.

Miss Driscoll's letter pointed out that "in other state discrepancies have been noted and the newspapers have blacklisted such actions. I love my state and I have been very proud that I am a Virginian. I do not want any black marks against my state."

At the close of her letter Miss Driscoll warned that if the board did not correct the situation "promptly" she would be "forced to take further steps to put us on the right track."

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Central Civic League

Period covered by this report: From 9-21-64 to 9-26-64

Person reporting Dr. James W. Holley, III

617 Effingham Street Portsmouth, Virginia

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: September 29, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Second Congressional District

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 973

Number instructed at home 54

Number instructed at clinics 35

Number instructed other places 313 a. Specify places Headquaters

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 1, 278.

Number successfully registered by this project this week 1,242

Number denied registration in this project this week 36

a. Reason for denial Reading and ~~Writing~~ Wrighting

Number contacted by other means 11,221 - not attached

a. Specify means See attached cards which students in all schools recieved and presented to their patients to be signed and returned to school the next day.

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2,554

Number of workers in the campaign 321

Remarks Going great guns

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Register to Vote Before October 3 Deadline If You Haven't Done So Already

RECORD REGISTRATION PRODUCES LINES — Prospective applicants for the vote in federal elections line up 50-strong before the Portsmouth registrar's office on the second floor of the Municipal Building. Melville B. Payne, city registrar, said today that a record 400 people qualified Saturday as the city Electoral Board brought in four assistants to triple the office staff. Payne said that if the press continues the temporary additional staff of two persons in the office may be increased. The office will be open six days this week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday is the deadline for registering for the Nov. 3, general election. (Staff Photo by J. T. McClenny)

The Birmingham News

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Voter signup at night OK'd

Two night sessions, the first in history, have been announced for this month by Jefferson County Board of Registrars in response to requests made by various civic organizations observing Voter Registration Month.

Both night sessions at the Birmingham Courthouse will be held prior to Oct. 19, which is the final day in which persons can register if they wish to vote in the Nov. 3 general election.

The board will be in session between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. next Monday and on the following Monday, Oct. 12.

"The change in hours for these two dates is being made in an effort to accommodate individuals who might find it impossible to register during the regular hours," the board said in its announcement.

OTHER REGISTRATION SESSIONS observing the regular hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be held this month as follows:

Birmingham Courthouse—Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 6 and 7; Wednesday, Oct. 14, and Monday, Oct. 19.

Fairfield City Hall—Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The board's announcement pointed out that it is restricted by law to meet only on the first three days of the week and is not permitted to register voters for two weeks before each election.

The scheduling of the night sessions drew praise from officials of various civic organizations.

The board's action was termed "a real public service for which the board members and staff deserve the thanks of all citizens of Jefferson County" by J. Vernon Patrick.

PATRICK, PRESIDENT OF the Young Men's Business Club and a Birmingham Jaycee director, added:

"Our county pays far more than its fair share of state taxes, and receives far less than its share of state highway and school funds. Jefferson County will begin to pull its proper weight in state and national affairs only when more of its qualified citizens vote, and when our county receives the number of members of the Legislature to which it is entitled by law.

"The board's action is particularly commendable because of the additional work-load imposed on the board by voter-questionnaires recently prescribed by the State Supreme Court and the State Sovereignty Commission.

"The board has to spend almost as much time grading these new questionnaires as it spends interviewing voters."

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Voter Signup Sets Record

PORTSMOUTH — A voter registration was set as 400 people signed up Saturday for the November election.

Melville B. Payne, registrar, said Saturday's turnout was about 250 more than on the previous Saturday.

Four people were added to the registrar's staff late Friday to take care of the unprecedented number of people.

Payne said Sunday that the office was so busy none of his workers were able to eat lunch and it was impossible to run a total on the number of registrations for the week.

The office will be open every day this week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Wednesday. The registrar's office will close Wednesday to make up for being open Saturday, the last day to register.

Payne said he anticipates an even larger crowd next Saturday.

"People always wait until the last day," Payne said, "and then gripe about standing in line."

He urged Sunday that people come early in the week if possible to avoid the last-minute rush.

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Faubus forced to 'run scared' against Winthrop Rockefeller

INSIDE REPORT

... by Rowland Evans and Robert Novak

DES ARC, Ark.

EVEN CLOSE political friends admit that Gov. Orval Faubus, one of the South's shrewdest, most permanent office-holders, is compelled to "run scared" this fall against a transplanted New York Republican folksily known as "Win" Rockefeller.

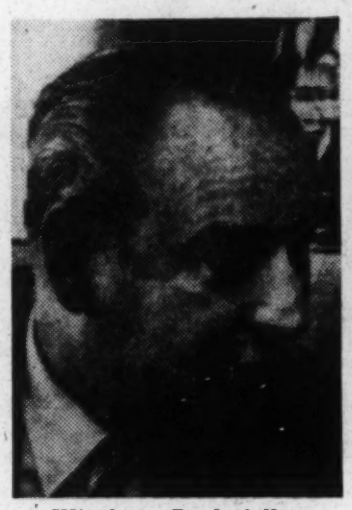
When the weekly newspaper editor introduced Winthrop Rockefeller as the Republican candidate for governor the other day, he dutifully noted that among Rockefeller's immense real estate holdings in Arkansas is a parcel of land near Des Arc in Prairie County.

"I've never known a landowner in Prairie County to run for governor," the editor said. "They're too impoverished."

Freedom from poverty is not Rockefeller's only, or even his principal, asset as the most glamorous Republican in the history of Arkansas politics. But it helps. The blacktop road from Little Rock, 60 miles west, winds through lush rice, soybean, and cotton country, but even in this Faubus heartland Rockefeller billboards sprout in glorious profusion. Statewide, Rockefeller billboards outnumber Faubus billboards by five-to-one.

Money works

MONEY BUILDS billboards. Money has also built, from nothing at all, a fledgling Rockefeller-Republican organization that is reaching into every corner of the state.



Winthrop Rockefeller

Orval Faubus

But money is only one of several reasons for Faubus to "run scared" in his bid for a sixth straight term. As a voter in nearby Hazen told us in one of our non-scientific political polls:

"I've been a Democrat all my life, but I'm for Rockefeller. Faubus has been in there too long."

Another Rockefeller asset is the awakening Negro vote, up to now a vote which Faubus has carefully and successfully cultivated despite the disorders at Little Rock's Central High School in 1957.

Rockefeller is making sweeping inroads on the Negro vote, even though he supports the Goldwater position on the civil rights bill. It's easy to understand why. Brother Nelson, up in New York, has cloaked the Rockefeller name from coast to coast in the shining raiment of civil rights, and Winthrop is profiting in Arkansas.

As if to dramatize the fact that Rockefeller's endorsement of Sen. Barry Goldwater is hardly more than skin-deep, Rockefeller is running his campaign completely separate from the senator's presidential campaign. He's appealing to the Negroes, the small farmers, and businessmen, many of whom regard his presence in the state, and his work on the Arkansas Industrial Commission, as the best thing that's ever happened to Arkansas.

Democratic support

CONSEQUENTLY, THE Rockefeller support is coming more from moderate Democrats who back President Johnson than conservative Democrats who support Goldwater.

Our main-street sample in Hazen, for example, showed that twice as many voters now plan to vote for both President Johnson and Rockefeller as for Sen. Goldwater and Rockefeller.

The one slender chance Rockefeller might have to beat Faubus lies in a very large voter turnout (unusual in the South). Thus, the Rockefeller camp is working frantically to register new voters before the Oct. 1 registration deadline. Organized labor, which supports Faubus, is helping in this voter-registration drive.

The biggest vote ever cast here was 421,000 in 1960, less than half the potential vote of 1964. Faubus has a hard-core vote of at least 250,000. To have even a chance to "win with Win," Rockefeller must expand the voting population to a minimum 550,000. This is a very large order.

He has appeal

ACCORDINGLY, 1964 is almost certainly going to be another Faubus year—but by a possibly uncomfortably small margin. And by 1966, if Rockefeller's yen for politics persists, he may be ready to cash in on his 1964 investment.

Because the appeal of this Arkansas traveler, who once haunted the lush bistros along Manhattan's 52nd Street, seems undeniable. They waited for him in the hot courthouse square of Des Arc (pop. 1,482) for one hour, farmers in overalls and females of all ages in summer dresses. Stepping out of his streamlined red-white-and-blue campaign bus, he spotted the local Esso gas station man.

"Always glad to see an Esso man," said John D.'s grandson, stretching out a long, shirt-sleeved arm. It was the right thing to say. —(c.)

Voter — Signup Growing

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PORTSMOUTH — Voter registration here continued to break records Monday.

Approximately 150 new names were added to the list of eligibles for voting in the November election. About the same number were registered Saturday, the first of three Saturdays the registrar's office will be open.

A small line awaited the opening of the registrar's office at 9 a.m. Registrar Melville B. Payne said the line increased between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., then slacked off until only about five at a time were waiitng until the 5 p.m. closing.

Already the new registrants have about tripled the new registration total for the last presidential election. And the registration books will remain open until Oct. 3.

This is the first federal election since prepayment of poll taxes as a condition of voting has been eliminated.

Negro registrations lead white by a ratio of about 10 to 7.

The Democracy Committee, an organization new to Portsmouth, has been instrumental in spurring interest in registration.

John Jonak, president of the committee, said the organization passed out between 8,000 and 10,000 leaflets at the shopping centers Saturday.

The leaflets are mimeographed sheets explaining in elementary terms the requirements for registering, Jonak said.

He said the Democracy Committee is a non-partisan group of private citizens dedicated to better government at all levels.

Besides himself, Jonak listed the executive committee of the Democracy Committee as Mrs. Donald P. Foster, a housewife; Paul Tennille, sales manager for Gas Co.; Robert Pruitt, manager of Master Auto Stores, and Mrs. Carl Griffin, a housewife. Jonak is affiliated with the J. U. Addenbrook Co.

The executive committee acts for the group, he said, adding that no formal roster is kept of the membership.

Aims of the group are to encourage citizen participation in government, to preserve the traditions of the country, to require ethical and moral behavior by persons in government and to encourage capable leaders to stand for election to public offices, Jonak said.

The organization has other plans to encourage voter registration before the Oct. 3 deadline, Jonak added.

Persons interested in joining the group may receive more information by contacting Jonak at 328 Middle St., Mrs. Foster at 1709 Ann St. or Tennille at 407 Dominion Road.

Portsmouth Registrar's Staff Grows

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PORTSMOUTH — The city registrar's office today tripled its staff to meet the last minute rush of applicants for voter registration before the Oct. 3 deadline for the Nov. 3 election.

Early today a line of about 30 people was waiting when the office opened at 9 a.m. The office on Friday registered more than 200 people to set another record for activity.

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Melville B. Payne, registrar, said that his two-man staff had been boosted to six for today and would probably be held to four for the rush that is expected to continue through next week.

Both staff and physical facilities for handling the registration upsurge were added late Friday at the direction of James C. Bray, city electoral board chairman. He had received complaints about the long line of people waiting to register.

The office will be open Monday through the Saturday deadline next week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Received OCT 8 1964

Name of Project: Centeral Civic Voters Project

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 28, to Oct. 3, 1964

Person reporting Dr. James W. Holley, III

617 Effingham Street Portsmouth, Virginia

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: October 5, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Second Congressional District

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1,940

Number instructed at home 2,147

Number instructed at clinics 83

Number instructed other places 701 a. Specify places

Headquarters

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 2,780

Number successfully registered by this project this week 2,681

Number denied registration in this project this week 99

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 2450

a. Specify means 2,000 Schools - 150 Section captains - 300 Meet and eat clubs.

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 5,175

Number of workers in the campaign 402

Remarks

The forum is most gratified with the results to date. We are certain that we will reach our goal of 10,000. If you note enclosed news clipping gives total through thursday. An additional 700 were added Friday. In my weekly reports to your office I have only reported Negro registrations since our campaign was direrted where the percentage of voters is lowest, (Negro) however these are only estimated figures, since my contact with in the registrar office was limited. I am certain when the final tally is made. They will rise, since the Negro to White ratio was 3-to-1 throught-out the campaign. We intend to take credit for the total number of registration durning the campaign, since we feel our initial efforts gave impetus to other groups (White) who entered the drive durning its last two weeks in an effort to off-set the 3-to-1 ratio we were maintaining.

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9,000 New Voters Sign-- Books To Close Saturday

PORTSMOUTH— Two months ago talk of adding 10,000 names to the list of qualified voters drew indulgent smiles from veteran politicians.

They were wearing another kind of smile today. Here is why:

★ As of this morning, a rough estimate by Melville B. Rayne, city registrar, placed the figure at 9,000 names added since June.

★ Despite a steady afternoon rain, 558 persons registered Thursday, a new one-day record.

★ There were still two full days to go before registration closes for the Nov. 3 election.

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The approaching deadline — 5 p.m. Saturday—brought requests for a plan to accommodate a wave of last-minute registrants.

With local "register to vote" drives geared for an all-out effort Saturday, the closing rush is a virtual certainty.

Raymond L. Tweed, chairman of the City Democratic Executive Committee, on behalf of his committee, asked that everyone in line at 5 p.m. be allowed to register.

He suggested adopting a system similar to that used at the polls. On election day, a policemen falls into line at the minute the polls close. Voting stops when all persons ahead of the officer have cast their ballots.

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Payne said today the front door of the Municipal Building probably will have to be the cut-off point, even if people are in line outside. The building normally is officially closed for business, and the doors locked, at 5 p.m.

"There could still be lines inside that would keep us here for an hour or two," he said. The six registrants and two typists in his office have been staying until about 5:30 p.m. each day this week because of the lines.

Payne said that since last Saturday morning 2,251 persons have registered.

Most of the new registrants have been qualifying for the federal election only. Payment of the poll tax is no longer required for voting in federal elections.

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Payne said that for the past two or three weeks, new registrations have been approximately and white people. Before that, Negro registrations were running ahead by as much as 3 to 1.

Two groups, the Democracy Committee and the Central Civic Forum, have been conducting intensive campaigns, with the endorsement of City Council, both political parties, candidates and numerous organizations.

The daily registration rate soared to over 400 after the Democracy Committee added its effort to that of the forum.

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John B. Jonak, chairman of the committee, said he believes part of the increase is due to saturation techniques his group has used in distributing information leaflets. The leaflets explain requirements and show sample registration forms.

The Central Civic Forum has concentrated its efforts on a systematic canvass of Negro neighborhoods. It also has been providing transportation to the Municipal Building.

Dr. James M. Holley, president, said the campaign is not directed solely at Negroes but the work is concentrated where the percentage of voters is lowest.

LAST MINUTE APPEAL— Dr. James W. Holley, III, local dentist who heads the Portsmouth Central Civic Forum, has cautioned local residents about the registration deadline of Saturday Oct. 3, as well as the date for transfers, to be eligible to vote in the General Election on Nov. 3. Qualified voters in order to register may do so at the Registrar's Office, second floor of the Municipal Building. Central Civic Forum is pushing a Voters Drive.

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*
525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

July 22, 1964

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Voter of Education
c/o Mr. Wiley Branton
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

The Lynchburg Voters League plans an all out campaign for additional registered voters for the November elections. We are urging all persons, who are not registered, to become registered by October 3, 1964. Our goal will be 2,000 new registered voters for the November elections. From October 3, 1964 through December 5, 1964 we are concentrating on urging our citizens to pay their poll tax.

In order to carry on this extensive program, we will have to have quite a sum of money, so we are appealing to you asking if you will underwrite the sum?

For the last four local elections, the Lynchburg Voters League has been a deciding factor in each election. Four years ago we sponsored a write in candidate and he was victorious. Two years ago we endorsed four candidates and all four won, had we voted for three of the loosers they would have been victorious. Enclosed is a clipping of our last election.

This is an itemized account of expenses for proposed Voters League programs: (5 months)

Stationery	$ 350
Postage	500
Two paid workers (4 months)	1600
Telephone (5 months)	125
Printing of all names of registered voters in booklet form to be placed in all public places	500
Memograph work (special form)	125
Buttons say "I'M A REGISTERED VOTER"	150
Block parties twice a month in each section of town to promote more registered voters	360
TOTAL	$3085.00

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*

525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

If this money can be obtained, I feel confident we can have a successful campaign.

Sincerely,

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. Thornhill, Jr.

M. W. Thornhill, Jr. (Pres.)

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*

525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

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August 21, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

We are heartened by the news in your letter of August 17, that we may receive a grant to support our voter registration program in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Enclosed please find one of our blank checks, as you requested. This check shows the name of the bank and the electronic numbers. As the bank uses separate electronic code numbers for individual accounts, we have closed the "Campaign Fund" account and opened an account under the listing Voter Education Project. The new account, Voter Education Project, will carry the same electronic code numbers as the enclosed check.

If there are any corrections to be made in the procedure we have followed, please feel free to contact us.

We are grateful for the consideration given us and anxiously await the returns.

Very truly yours,

M. W. Thornhill, Jr.

M. W. Thornhill, Jr.

VEP 4-43

August 17, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr.
President
Lynchburg Voters League
525 Smyth Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 22, requesting a grant to support a voter registration program in Lynchburg, Virginia. I am of the opinion that VEP can make a grant in the next few days, but we are not in the position at this moment to tell you the exact amount of the grant.

We require the use of specially printed triplicate voucher checks, and a separate bank account for VEP funds. It will expedite matters if you would send us a blank check showing the name of your bank and any electronic code numbers which your bank might use. In the event that your bank uses a separate electronic account number for the individual account in addition to the bank's own number, then perhaps you should open an account, even if you have to put in a dollar or so to get it open so that we can have the separate number printed on your checks.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Proposals Funding
~~Letters~~ Grants

VEP 4-43

Letters to the Forum:

Election Analysis By Negro Candidate

To the Editor of The News:

Sir: Your editorials, "Single 'Shot' Misses" (June 11) and "An Electoral Lesson" (June 17) present an old, familiar line. It would be surprising to find your approval of anything Negroes do beyond accommodation to a segregated status.

We are determined to exercise our full rights and participate in the entire democratic process of the community government. This includes the right to participate in the nomination of a candidate, or candidates, and to vote as we see fit, including "single-shotting", if that suits our need. Whatever the outcome we have a claim, as citizens, for representation on the council, your editorial pronouncements and findings to the contrary.

"The News" has been very accurate in reporting the number of Negroes who have voted in recent elections. It has been accurate in its analysis of the voting of Negroes by precinct in the last election, ("An Election Lesson"). These facts and figures lift our sights. We regard them with justifiable pride.

Your predictions about how we vote have been, understandingly, less reliable than your analyses after the vote. When Ford, Ould, Leggett, and Jefferson ran for Council, it was predicted that Negroes would "single-shot," but we voted for four. The four we voted for won. Had we voted for three other losers they would have been victorious. In the last election "The News" predicted that we would "single-shot" and it was correct. We advocated just that. Incidentally, had we voted for the two losers they would have won and would now be on the Council.

For the record, I would like to take the liberty of using some of the figures I have seen in the local papers. 8,203 people went to the polls and voted. If all had voted for three candidates, there would have been 24,609 votes cast. Firgures indicated that 22,060 votes were actually cast. Statistics show that 2,549 persons did not vote for three candidates. I accept the figure 1,397, as the number of Negroes who voted June 9, 1964. Please tell me to what group the 1,152 persons who also cast a single-shot or double-shot ballot belong.

You surmise that white persons who voted for me represent "a hard core of white support for a Negro candidate, any Negro candidate". This kind of thinking underrates the intelligence of our community, belittles all the voters in Lynchburg, and disgraces the democratic process. I believe that all the people who voted for me did so because of their confidence in me as upstanding, able and qualified person seeking a responsible office in the government of our city.

Now, whether I am an extremist or not, depends upon what you and I mean when we use the word. It depends also upon what you mean when you say "Negro" and what both of us mean when we say, "I am an American".

To me an extremist is a person working in a manoeuvre to overthrow the government of these United States. That could not refer to me because I am working against unholy odds, to be an integral part of the main stream of American life. I want first class citizenship and I am willing to accept the responsibilities that this entails.

If my participation in any of the following efforts to raise the self respect of all Lynchburgers, Virginians, and Americans, enables you to call me an extremist, then I am one, and ". . .make the most of it". I advocate and invite the responsibility of full citizenship. I stand, and have stood, for:

1. Equality in education opportunities
2. Removal of distasteful signs indicating rest rooms.
3. Making public rest rooms available to the public.
4. Integration of all public eating facilities
5. Integration of buses, trains, etc.
6. Employment of Negroes at voting precincts
7. Integration of theaters
8. Integration of public parks and all their facilities
9. Equality in employment
10. Equality of treatment in courts
11. Opposition to any newspaper's misuse of the disgnation "Negro"—maliciously associating it with criminal conduct
12. Opposition to newspaper practices that are intended to make us feel that our births are not recognized, that we commit ali the crimes, that our children never get married because we never see the event featured in th local paper, and that none of us die in dignity. Treat us as Americans and we will stop acting as you force Negroes to act in self defense. You take your choice! I perfer to be a real American.

M. W. THORNHILL, JR.
Lynchburg.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP

Receipt acknowledged this _____ day of _____, 1964
Signed:

_____
Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr.

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA, GEORGIA

August 28, 1964

SEP 3 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr.
President
Lynchburg Voters League
525 Smyth Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-43

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

We have carefully reviewed your request of July 22, 1964, seeking a grant from the Voter Education Project in support of your registration program. We note that your budget proposal includes not only a registration program, but also a campaign to get the people to pay their poll tax, and to go to the polls and vote.

Our primary concern at the moment is to get as many additional people registered to vote as we possibly can, and we therefore have approved a grant to the Lynchburg Voters League in the amount of $1,000 in support of a voter registration program for the period September 1 through October 3, 1962. We are enclosing our check in the amount of $1,000 representing payment of this grant in full, and we will hold in abeyance any consideration for a poll tax or "Get-Out-The Vote" campaign until this phase has been concluded.

The proceeds of this check should be deposited in your special VEP account, and all expenditures should be paid by the use of the voucher checks which are being sent to you under separate cover. These checks should always be used in numerical order, and you should send to our office at the end of each week, a carbon of each check written or voided during the week. A set of financial instructions is enclosed, and you, along with the persons responsible for your financial matters, should read it very carefully and follow the instructions contained therein. Mrs. Jane Moore of our staff, will write you separately concerning progress reporting.

I understand conditions
Thanks,
M. W. Thornhill Jr.
Pres.

No portion of these funds may be used to engage in partisan politics, or in support of any particular political candidate in any manner whatsoever, nor should they be used for the payment of poll taxes.

We do not seek any publicity for VEP in connection with your program, but we have no objection to your mentioning that you are working with VEP. You are requested to not release any publicity regarding the amount of your grant, except to members of your executive committee, or persons working with your program, and all inquiries from reporters or others concerning the amount of the grant should be referred to us, but you should always admit, if asked, that you have received a grant from us.

It is to be understood that VEP reserves the right to cancel this program at any time, and demand the return of any unused portion of the grant, and you agree to account to us for same.

In reviewing your Budget, I note that you have $500 for the printing of names of all registered voters in booklet form, and I would like to suggest that such an expenditure should not be made during this phase of your program. You should be able to get a number of helpful materials, including bumper and bumper stickers, from the NAACP State Conference office in Richmond.

You are requested to acknowledge your understanding of the terms and conditions of this grant and receipt of the enclosed check by signing the enclosed carbon of this letter and returning it to us at once.

With every good wish for a successful program, I am

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $1,000 check
Copy of this letter
Financial instructions

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September 1, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr.
President
Lynchburg Voters League
525 Smyth Street
Lynchburg, Va.

RE: VEP 4-43

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of research reporting forms. We request that you submit a report each week, starting from the beginning of your project. We believe that the items on the forms are self-explanatory, but feel free to question or make comments.

At the conclusion of your project, we will expect a comprehensive narrative report. This should include a thorough discussion of all aspects of your program and an assessment of its effectiveness.

If we can be of assistance to you, let us know. We welcome your questions and comments.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

September 10, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr.
President
Lynchburg Voters League
825 Smyth Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-43

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

I have just read through the folder of correspondence we keep in our office on the Lynchburg Voters League.

As per your letter of July 22, 1964 to Mr. Branton, in the itemized account of expenses, you proposed $150 for buttons saying, "I'm a Registered Voter." This is fine, and I have no objection, but a suggestion. I think you could use tags (sample enclosed) in the place of buttons, get equal results, and save yourselves some money. The tags can be ordered from:

The American Heritage Foundation
11 West 42nd Street
New York, New York 10036
Phone: BRyant 9-4335

I hope this suggestion might be of interest to you, and can aid in your voter registration drive by utilizing part of the proposed amount somewhere else in your budget.

If we can be of further service or consultation to you, feel free to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Joe Louis Tucker
Field Representative

JLT:js

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

SEP 14 1964

Name of Project: Lynchburg Voter Education Project

Period covered by this report: From 9/6/64 to 9/11/64

Person reporting M.W. Thornhill Jr. President of Lynchburg Voters League

525 Smyth Street — Lynchburg, — Virginia

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: September 11, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: For all of the City of Lynchburg

For all sixteen precincts in Lynchburg, Virginia

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass one hundred fifty (150)

Number instructed at home one hundred fifty (150)

Number instructed at clinics 35 workers were instructed be fore canvassing

Number instructed other places 600 a. Specify places churches

We orientate our workers before each group is sent out

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week Approximately 200. We are not certain because we will have to send a worker to the registrars office to obtain such. This will be done at the end of project.

Number successfully registered by this project this week App. 198

Number denied registration in this project this week two

a. Reason for denial illiterate

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate two

a. Reason for refusing to participate did not desire to be bothered with this mess and the other one said that her husband instructed her not to. We will send some one elce to see them.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start App. 500

Number of workers in the campaign Three hundred (300)

Remarks We are attempting to get an average of 350 per week for the rest of the campaign. There are two main groups working; a committee in each church on it's entire membership, consisting of eighteen. The other is a crash program in one or more precincts twice a week.. The captains of each church as well as the captain of each precinct or hill will urge their workers to follow up daily and report to them twice a week. Our secretaries will contact the captains twice a week, asking for reports and follow up where the captains fail. Our secretaries will also dispatch cars daily to carry the persons to the registrars office who do not have transportation. In and between, out secretaries will keep up a constant mailing barrage to keep every one aware of our project.

VEP 4-43

Mailed 206 copies

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Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*
525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

September 22, 1964

Dear Crash Project Worker,

We are quite pleased with the results of your concientious efforts in your hill crash project to date. It is highly possible that we will add a thousand new registrants to the list of registered voters through the crash project.

In order to assure that this becomes a reality, and to be certain that every home has been contacted, we are conducting a last city wide, concerted effort on Sunday, September 27, at 4 P. M. We are asking you to follow this plan of organization:

1. Work with your hill chairman
2. Meet at Court Street Baptist Church
3. Meet promptly at 4 P.M.
4. Cover the assignment given you by your chairman thoroughly

We couldn't conclude this letter without acknowledging the wonderful job that each of you has done. We want to let you know how much your support has meant to us. That hundreds of people for the first time will be able to utilize their right to vote and in November for the President of the United States, should make you proud of your contribution.

Very truly yours,
M. W. Thornhill, Jr.
Y. T. Ferguson
A. R. Wesley

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Research

Copy for radio Sept. 22, 1964.

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*
525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

The Lynchburg Voters League urges all persons who are not able to get to the registrar's office in the day to be certain to go to-night and register.

The registrar's office will remain open to-night until 9 P. M.

This is the only night open before the deadline October 3, 1964.

For free transportation, call the Lynchburg Voters League 84-74489 or 84-74480.

You can register free now in order to vote in November for all offices.

This was announced Tues. Sept 22nd. on radio.
J.T.

copy sent to Cab Co.

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*
525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

September 23, 1964

Dear_____:

The Lynchburg Voters League would like for you and your employees to attend a city-wide crash program drive for voter-registration at Court Street Baptist Church, Sunday, September 27, 1964 at 4 P. M.

Please urge each cab driver to ask his passengers if they are registered voters and if they are not, please tell them that they will be able to vote free (without paying any tax) for the President of the United States and all other offices on November 3, 1964, if they would only go down to city hall and register before the deadline October 3, 1964.

The registrar's office will be open Monday through Friday from 9 A. M. -- 5 P. M. and Saturdays from 9 A. M. until noon.

Thanking you in advance.

Yours for Registering,

M. W. Thornhill, Jr.
Y. T. Ferguson
A. R. Wesley

2-Cab Co.

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*
525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

September 23,1964

PLEASE ANNOUNCE AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE --Thursday, September 24th. THROUGH SUNDAY, September 27th. THANKS

The Lynchburg Voters League will conduct a city wide crash program Sunday, September 27, 1964 at 4 P. M. from Court Street Baptist Church. All persons who have worked with voter registration are asked to be present and bring as many other volunteer workers as possible.

Churches are asked to bring as many from their membership as possible to join our caravan of volunteers.

We are urging every non-registered voter to become registered by October 3, 1964. You can register without payment of any taxes and vote for all offices on November 3, 1964.

For further information call the Lynchburg Voters League Headquarters

84-74489 or 84-74480

Copy was sent to 5 radio stations
F.T.

For last weeks
Check - 0256

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Promises Aid To Appalachia

song by long distance: by telephoning the University of Minnesota and having the tune whistled to the bandmaster.

There were four bands, bangers, balloons and almost wall-to-wall Democrats at Prestonsburg High School.

Speaking of his flight in a light twin-engine plane, Humphrey quipped, "It was sort of bumpy, like the Republican platform — but a lot more fun."

In his swing through the South and Appalachia, he declared that both poverty and equal rights are national problems.

Only one out of every four Peace Corps applicants is invited to join. Of these, about 60 per cent accept. Four out of five trainees go abroad.

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For further information call the Lynchburg Voters League Headquarters.

847-4489 or 847-4480

LYNCHBURG VOTERS LEAGUE M. W. Thornhill, Jr., President

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

SEP 28 1964

Name of Project: Voter Registration Crash

Period covered by this report: From 9-21-64 to 9-25-64

Person reporting M. H. Thornhill, Jr. (by rpb)

525 Smyth Street - Lynchburg, Virginia
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 9-25-64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Lynchburg, Virginia

Seminary Hill section
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 98

Number instructed at home 43

Number instructed at clinics 9 (workers)

Number instructed other places - a. Specify places

Streets and church congregations, also individuals

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 218

Number successfully registered by this project this week 208

Number denied registration in this project this week 10

a. Reason for denial Illiteracy and criminal records

Number contacted by other means Radio - 10,000; Letters to churches via wire 3000; Handbills 2,000

a. Specify means Groups and individuals

Number refusing to participate 1

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 608

Number of workers in the campaign 9

Remarks Because of the number of persons going to the city registrar's office on the evening of Sept. 22nd, the office will be kept open until 9 P.M. again on Sept. 29th. Some members of our committee placed themselves near entrances of restaurants and places of entertainment and invited non-registered persons to be taken by private car to the registrar's office.

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Total Population of Lynchburg, Va.

54,790

Negroes 10,955

Non-White 19.81%

158 Persons Register In Four-Hour Period

A total of 158 persons registered to vote in Lynchburg Tuesday night during a special four hour registration period for the November general election.

Mrs. T. A. Paris, city registrar, pointed out that this adds considerably to what had already started out as a heavy voter registration week.

An average of 50 to 75 persons a day had been registering recently until Monday, Mrs. Paris said. However, she said that on Monday she registered over 100.

Of the number registering Tuesday between 5 and 9 p.m., 43 were Negroes and 115 were whites. Mrs. Paris explained that this was the first time the office was held open at night during the current registration period for the Nov. 3 election.

And, although the number of white persons registering continues to be higher than the Negroes, the percentage of Negroes registering is still higher based on the individual populations of the two races.

A total of 254 persons registered during the entire day Tuesday. Of this number, 166 were whites and 88 were Negroes. From 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 51 whites and 45 Negroes registered.

Mrs. Paris said that the special night registration was held to allow those who have to work in the day to register for the federal election.

Because of the success of Tuesday night's extra registration period, Mrs. Paris said that the office will be open again next Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Other extra hours added to encourage registration are from 8:30 a.m. until noon next Saturday, and on Oct. 3.

Regular registration hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays. The final day for registering for the November election will be Oct. 3.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT field 10/64 recorded WB' JS JM

Name of Project: Voter Registration Crash Drive

Period covered by this report: From 9-27-64 to 10-2-64

Person reporting M. K. Thornhill, Jr. - President, Lynchburg Voter's League

525 Smyth Street, Lynchburg, Virginia
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: October 2, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Lynchburg, Va.

Chamberville and Daniel's Hill sections of city -
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 100

Number instructed at home 82

Number instructed at clinics 9 this week; 47 (who had had previous instruction)

Number instructed other places Several hundreds. Specify places Streets - when greeting persons, churches, public and private group meeting

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 320 - approx.

Number successfully registered by this project this week 308 - approx

Number denied registration in this project this week 12 - "

a. Reason for denial Illiteracy and/or criminal records

Number contacted by other means Thousands (approx. - 10,000 - Radio Announcement; 37,881 - Newspaper circulation; 4,000 - Letters to groups + taxi calls; 787 - phone calls)

a. Specify means See above line

Number refusing to participate approximately - 5

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested (for no very good reasons)

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 916 (this is an approximation. Exact number will be sent in the final report and/or survey story.)

Number of workers in the campaign (this week) 56 (who made written reports)

Remarks 47 workers from all sections of the city engaged in a city-wide house to house canvass again on Sun. 9/27/64. By doing this, some persons were contacted who were not home at the times of the various sectional canvassing.

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I will serve as permanent chairman_____

I can not serve as permanent chairman_____

Name _____

Address_____

Hill_____

Dial_____

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*

525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

October 2, 1964

To: All Hill Chairmen
From: Voter Registration Committee
Re: Permanent Positions

Dear Hill Chairman:

Please permit us to say a sincere "Thank you" for a job more than well done. If you stay alert for newspaper releases, you will soon know what a wonderful job you and your hill workers have done in Lynchburg.

We believe this surge of registration will certainly bring hope, courage and a feeling of responsibility that these people have never before felt. Just think what this means to the general culture, civic participation and attitude of the Lynchburg Negro. It is indeed a healthy sign!!!

The second important message of this letter is to ask you to accept your hill chairmanship as a permanent position.

This means you would assume the following responsibilities:

1. Retain your group of workers
2. Serve as a laison person between the Voters League and your hill
3. See that all eligible people go to the polls and vote on all election days
4. Especially for the November election, see that the newly registered people on your hill go to the polls and vote
5. Continue to get people to register and to pay poll tax so that they will be able to vote in local elections as well as federal ones
6. Keep abreast of the needs of your community or hill and bring these needs to the attention of your community residents for action
7. Attend Voters League meetings the fourth Tuesday in each month at the Phyliss Wheatley Y. W. C. A. at 8 o'clock

We earnestly need and depend on your constant help.

Very truly yours,
M. W. Thornhill, Jr., President
Anne R. Wesley, Co-Chairman
Yvonne T. Ferguson, Co-Chairman

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Enclosure

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT

SF-1201 (4-60)

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VOTER EDUCATIONS PROJECT MR WILEY A BRANTON

5 FORSYTH ST NW ROOM 205 ATLA

VOTER

RESULT OF MOTOR REGISTRATINS PROJECT SINCE JULY 15 1964 1,945 WHITE REGISTERED VOTERS 1,199 NEGRO REGISTERED VOTERS NEGRO PUPULATION (ADULT AND CHILDREN) 10,970 WHITE POPULATION 45,000 LYNCHBURG VOTERS LEAGE M W THORNHILL PRESIDENT.

WVAP - 27,728

NVAP 6574

14759
1945
16704 white reg.

2247
1199
3446 - Negro reg.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

W. A. BRANTON

DATE

Lynchburg, Va:

1960 Census – WVAP – 27,728 – 80.9%
NVAP – 6,574 – 19.1%
34,302 100.0%

Registration as of July 15, 1964
~~WVAP No. Reg. % of~~ Total Registration – 17,006

No. whites Reg – 14,759
% of total Reg – 86.8%
% of WVAP Reg – 53.2%

No. of Negroes Reg – 2,247
% of total Reg – 13.2%
% of NVAP Reg – 34.1%

Registration as of Oct. 5, 1964
Total Registration – 20,150

No. whites Reg – 16,704
% of Total Reg – 82.9%
% of WVAP Reg – 60.2%

No. of Negroes Reg – 3446
% of Total Reg – 17.1%
% of NVAP Reg – 52.4%

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THE DAILY ADVANCE

LYNCHBURG, VA., WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 30, 1964 15

Voter Registration Record Set Tuesday

By CALVIN PEACE

A total of 405 persons, believed to be a record number for one day in Lynchburg, registered to vote Tuesday at the office of the City Registrar.

Mrs. T. A. Paris, registrar, said that she does not recall a single day when that many registered before.

Again, Mrs. Paris attributed the recent increase in voter registration to the fact that voters do not have to have their poll taxes paid to be able to vote in the Nov. 3 general election.

The number of registrants yesterday also was increased considerably by the fact that her office was open for four extra hours last night from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. The office ordinarily closes at 5 p.m.

Included among those registering before 5 were 93 white people and 73 Negroes.

Mrs. Paris pointed out recently that since the Negro population is much smaller than the white population, the percentage of Negroes who have registered recently is much greater than the percentage of white registrants.

The latest figures concerning total registration in the city, which the registrar's office have compiled (as of Sept. 12) follow:

Since the registration books opened on July 15, a total of 256 Negroes who have not paid their poll taxes, have registered to vote. During the same period, 43 Negroes, who have paid their taxes registered.

Meanwhile, 305 white persons who have paid their taxes, registered since July 15; while 275 who have not paid the taxes registered.

Total Negro registration since July 15 was 299. Total white registration since that time was 580. However, Mrs. Paris reminded that yesterday's totals would have to be added to these figures along with several hundred more who registered since Sept. 12.

She said that she has not had time to bring the figures up to date because of the heavy registration.

As of June 13, when the registration books closed after the councilmanic election, 2,247 Negroes had registered in the city, and 14,759 white voters had registered.

Mrs. Paris said that she has had quite a few inquiries recently by voters who think that they have to register again to vote in the November federal election, although they have registered before.

(Turn to Page 27, Col. 8)

"Any Lynchburg residents who have been registered on regular registration books here do not have to register again for the federal election," she said emphatically.

Registration will continue through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The final day for registering will be Saturday, when the office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Mrs. Paris reminded any new Lynchburg residents who have not turned over their transfer voting certificates to her, to do so by Saturday. She said that any postmarked no later than Saturday will be accepted.

Copy figures for rep.

AT FASHION LUNCHEON—Mrs. George E. Dawson Jr., left, president of the Junior Woman's Club of Lynchburg is shown at the club's annual luncheon and fashion show given Tuesday at Boonsboro Country Club. With her is Mrs. Robert D. Ellett, center, who moderated the show, and Mrs. Thomas L. Carter, one of the models. (Judy Cox Photo)

THE DAILY ADVANCE

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"tinged with hindsight"
J. Edgar Hoover, director of

Atlanta Mayor Insists City Still Has Team

ATLANTA (AP) — Mayor Ivan Allen reports he has conferred with the ownership of the major league baseball club he says has made commitments to come to Atlanta in 1965 and there has been no change in plans.

Allen gave an official "no comment" on remarks by Milwaukee Braves' President John McHale, who said the Braves

GARDEN CLUBS

Bedford Hills

A meeting of Bedford Hills Garden Club was held Monday night with Mrs. Bobby E. Taylor as hostess at her home, 4316 Montgomery Road and Mrs. Charles S. Layne Jr. was cohostess.

John Roark of Roadside Nurseries, Altavista, spoke on "The Invention of Plants."

Mrs. George O. Meeks, Mrs. James A. Edson and Mrs. William H. Pressley Jr., all members of Blue Ridge Garden Club judged and presented awards as follows: "Best of Show" ribbon was carried off by Mrs. Thomas J. Morgan for the most outstanding horticultural specimen: blue ribbons, arrangements—Mrs. William C. Albee and Mrs. Neal H.

October 5, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr., President
Lynchburg Voters League
525 Smyth Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-43

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

Thank you for your telegram this morning in which you informed us of the registration results in the city of Lynchburg. All of you are to be commended for the very excellent job which you have done in increasing registration in your city.

I have taken the figures from the news article which you sent, and those from your telegram, and I am enclosing some computations which show that Negro registration in Lynchburg has moved up from 13.2% of the total registration on July 15, to 17.1% as of October 5. It also appears that only 34.1% of the Negroes of voting age (1960 Census) were registered on July 15, and you have now moved up to 52.4%.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: 1
cc: Mr. W. Lester Banks

October 5, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr., President
Lynchburg Voters League
909 5th Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

I enjoyed being in your office and discussing voter registration and the role the Lynchburg Voters League is playing. I think the methods you are employing in your voter drive are well suited to Lynchburg and its people.

From the telegram Mr. Branton received this morning, you went over your goal of 1,000 voters. It was a fine way for me to start a "blue" Monday, seeing results of such earnest and sincere effort.

Please feel free to request my help whenever I can be of service.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Tucker
Field Representative

JT:bs

MLK 4-43

October 7, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr., President
Lynchburg Voters League
909 Fifth Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

RE VEP 4-43

We have received the invoice from the printer for the overprinting of your voucher checks. The invoice was in the following amount:

500 voucher checks	$32.55
Sales Tax	.98
TOTAL	$33.53

Rec'd 10-17-64

Will you kindly have a check written reimbursing the Voter Education Project in the above amount. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

4-43

Lynchburg Voters League
M. W. THORNHILL, JR., President
525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA
TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

October 13, 1964

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Dear Miss Levine:

The second box of voucher checks were on top and I began writing checks with serial number#0251. I hope you will pardon the error.

Checks #0254 and #0255 were written to Mrs. Frances Thornhill and Mrs. Renice Branch for forty hours of secretarial work. After I had mailed the report I realized that there was no explanation on the voucher portion of the check. I am sorry that it was omitted.

Enclosed is a check reimbursing the Voter Education Project for payment of printing checks for Lynchburg's Voter Education Project.

Sincerely yours,
M. W. Thornhill Jr.
M. W. Thornhill, Jr.

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10-17-64

October 7, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr., President
Lynchburg Voters League
909 Fifth Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

Re VEP 4-43

There are some questions to be cleared up regarding your method of financial reporting to this office and we wonder if you would write us immediately giving the answers to the following questions:

1. Did you begin writing checks from the second box of voucher checks you received? We notice that your serial numbers began with check #0251 which would seem to indicate this. It is all right if you did this but we will have to know. And if you did please continue in the same series until you have exhausted that box - just let us know if this is what happened.

2. For what expenditures were your check #'s 0254 and 0255 written. They were both in the amount of $60.00; one written to Mrs. Frances Thornhill and one to Mrs. Renice Bran Branch, both on September 18. There was no explanation on the voucher portinn of the check and, as you know, we must have this information.

Thank you for a quick reply.

Sincerely,

Jean Leving
Fiscal Assistant

October 27, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr.
President
Lynchburg Voters League
525 SmythhStreet
Lynchburg, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-43

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

It is necessary that we close your account now that the registration deadline has passed. Will you please send us a final financial report, together with a check for any unused portion of the grant?

We again contratulate you on the very excellent job which you and your co-workers did in increasing the registration in Lynchburg.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Another letter written 11/24/64 by J.

Final accounting done. 12/24/64

December 2, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr.
President
Lynchburg Voters League
525 Smyth Street
Lynchburg, Vigginia

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

Thank you for your letter of November 25, and for the complete run-down of your financial transactions during your recent program.

We do need more from you, however, in order to close our books. Up until your last communication you had been enclosing, as is required, the carbon copies of the checks written on your VEP account. In your letter you failed to enclose the final checks written, and from your listing it appears that they were all written on October 10.

May we please have, as quickly as possible, all checks written after check No. 0279. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rec'd 12/17/64

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

4-23

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*

525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

9/18/64	To: Mrs. Frances Thornhill for 40 hrs. of secretarial work	$60.00
9/18/64	Mrs. Renice Branch for 40 hrs. of secretarial work	60.00
9/11/64	Mrs. Lena Pullen for secretarial work	12.00
9/11/64	Mrs. Frances Thornhill for 32 hrs. secretarial work	48.00
9/11/64	Mrs. Renice Branch for 32 hrs. secretarial work	48.00
10/10/64	Mrs. Renice Branch secretarial work for 16hrs.	24.00
	Total******	$1024.55

Dear Sir:

We certainly appreciate every thing and regret the long delay in sending you the report.

Yours truly,

M. W. Thornhill Jr.

M.W. Thornhill Jr.

Lynchburg Voters League

M. W. THORNHILL, JR., *President*

525 SMYTH STREET LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE VI 7-7775

Nov. 25, 1964

10/10/64	To: J.P. Bell Company for supplies during Voter Registration drive	$45.00
10/2/64	Ray Rent Typewriter Company for use of type writer one month	7.00
10/13/64	Atlanta Voter Registration Project for cost of printing checks	33.53
10/10/64	Miss Joan Roach for secretarial work for twelve hours	19.00
10/2/64	Lynchburg News & Advance for card of thanks in local papers	27.36
10/2/64	Robert Ghee for janitorial work	20.00
10/2/64	Roger Lomak for music & loud speaker during drive	10.00
10/2/64	Warren Warwick for auto service during campaign	5.00
10/2/64	C. & P. Telephone Co. for Sept. Oct. & Installment fee	114.00
10/2/64	To Cash for refreshmants	10.00
10/2/64	Robert Ghee for transporting 250 persons to the Registrars office to Register and back home of to work	75.00
10/2/64	Cash for auto trip to Richmond, Va. for V.E.P. & N.A.A.C.P.	27.00
10/2/64	McDonald Pullen for auto service to registrars office	5.00
10/2/64	To cash for 200 4¢ and 200 5¢ stamps	18.00
10/2/64	Mrs. Renice Branch for 40 hrs. of secretarial work	60.00
10/2/64	Mrs. Frances Thornhill for 40 hrs. of secretarial work	60.00
10/10/64	Mrs. Frances Thornhill for 16 hrs. of secretarial work	24.00
9/25/64	Miss Shirley Wright for 3½ hrs. secretarial work	3.50
9/25/64	Western Union for twenty messages to all churches	58.30
9/25/64	Miss Joan Roach for telephoning	3.50
9/25/64	Mrs. Frances Thornhill for 40 hrs. of secretarial work	60.00
9/25/64	Mrs. Renice Branch for 40 hrs. of secretarial work	60.00
9/23/64	Lynchburg News & Advance for announcement in paper	27/36

November 24, 1964

Mr. M. W. Thornhill, Jr.
President
Lynchburg Voters League
525 Smyth Street
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thornhill:

Re VEP 4-43

Please comply with my request of October 27, for a final financial accounting and a refund of any unused portion of your grant.

It is imperative that we receive this information so that we may close our books on this account.

Sincerely,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

FINANCIAL COPY

October 27, 1964

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President
Lynchburg Voters League
525 EmythhStreet
Lynchburg, Virginia

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Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

WB

M E M O R A N D U M December 24, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-43
(Lynchburg Voter Education Project)

Grant:		$1000.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$ 98.25	
Fix. & Equip.	7.00	
Meals	10.00	
Office Supplies	45.00	
Postage	18.00	
Salaries	572.00	
Tel. & Tel.	172.50	
Trav. & Trans.	112.00	$1034.75
Overaccounted		($ 34.75)

jl

August 15, 1964

Mr. William S. Thornton, Chairman
Crusade for Voters
206 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thornton:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter and request of August 14th regarding financial assistance for a voter registration project in the Third Congressional District of Virginia. I am certain that VEP will make some kind of a grant but the actual amount can not be determined until I return to Atlanta next week from a trip I am leaving on today.

The only item appearing out of line on your budget is the one for canvassers. I do not recall any other area where canvassers have been paid the sum of $ 70.00 per week and I would like to know the reason for such a high figure. Many cities use students and volunteers for this kind of work but may pay one or two persons a higher salary to coordinate the canvassers.

We will require the use of special voucher checks and a separate bank account for our funds. It would expedite matters if you would send me a blank check showing the name of your bank together with any electronic code numbers. If your bank uses a separate electronic code number for each account then you should open such an account and get the number so that it can be printed on the check. We will bill you for the actual cost of the checks.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

VEP 4-44
Proposal

Recd 8/15/64

CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
206 EAST CLAY STREET
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

August 14, 1964

Mr. Wiley Brandon, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Brandon:

Following is a budget submitted by the Richmond Crusade for Voters for a voter registration project to be held in the Virginia Third Congressional District from August 24 to October 3, 1964.

This project will be of a non-partisan voter registration nature utilizing twelve canvassers, a director, one office secretary and other personnel as needed under the supervision of the Crusade for Voters' president, George A. Pannell. Mr. Pannell is assistant manager of North Carolina Mutual Insurance and has worked in registration and voting, and he has the ability to work with people on the grass roots level, as well as community leadership.

In carrying out this attempt to add ten thousand new voters to our registration we will work cooperatively with the Richmond Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and with other interested organizations.

The budget is as follows:

Program director - $150 per week	$ 900.00	- 30
Twelve canvassers - $70 per week	5,040.00	
Miscellaneous	2,000.00	- 898.26
Printing (circulars for churches, etc)		
Postage (mailing to voters asking them to get another, etc)		1250
Stationery		
Telephone		
Rental of office		
Administration		
One secretary - $60 per week	360.00	
Advertising (newspaper, radio, etc)	300.00	
Transportation (courtesy cars, included)	300.00	
Revolving expense	600.00	
Total	$9,500.00	

Sincerely yours,

William S. Thornton

William S. Thornton, D.S.C.
Chairman of the Board

cc: Dr. Tinsley L. Spraggins

JM

CRUSADE FOR VOTERS
206 EAST CLAY STREET
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

August 20, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

In reply to your letter of August 15, 1964 concerning the item of canvassers, we really meant organizers.

We followed the advice of Dr. Tinsley Spraggins. He stated that to do a professional job in the Third Congressional District, we would need at least twelve professional organizers. We divided the Third District into twelve areas (a professional organizer in charge of each area).

At the present time, the NAACP Youth Council, under John Edwards, NAACP field worker, is carrying on a small but effective drive in Richmond. Mr. Edwards is scheduled to leave next week and we would like to keep up the impetus in voter registration started by the youth, who will also be in school next week. Therefore, we would like to hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Thornton

William S. Thornton
Chairman of the Board

1 encl: blank check

VEP 4-44

August 28, 1964

Dr. W. S. Thornton, Chairman
Crusade for Voters
206 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-44

Dear Dr. Thornton:

This will confirm our recent telephone conversation in which I informed you that VEP had approved a preliminary grant in the amount of $5,000 in support of a voter registration project to be held in the Third Congressional District of Virginia during the period August 24 through October 3, 1964. Our check representing payment of this preliminary grant in full is enclosed herein.

It is our understanding that you will carry on an active registration program throughout the Third Congressional District with emphasis on those areas heavily populated by Negroes.

I continue to feel concerned regarding the wisdom of paying so many canvassers the sum of $70 per week, and wish to remind you that we are relying on you and your committee to decide on the continued use of these canvassers after you have had a chance to observe their effectiveness and the results. If VEP is satisfied with the results being obtained, and if your financial and progress reporting is cooperative, then we will consider a supplemental grant in addition to that now being given.

The proceeds of this check should be deposited in your special VEP account, and all expenditures should be paid by the use of the voucher checks which are being sent to you under separate cover. These checks should always be used in numerical order, and you should send to our office at the end of

each week, a carbon of each check written or voided during the week. A set of financial instructions is enclosed, and you, along with theppersons responsible for your financial matters, should read it very carefully and follow the instructions contained therein. Mrs. Jane Moore of our staff will write you separately concerning progress reporting.

No portion of these funds may be used to engage in partisan politics, or in support of any particular political candidate in any manner whatsoever, nor should they be used for the payment of poll taxes.

We do not seek any publicity for VEP in connection with your program, but we have no objection to your mentioning that you are working with VEP. You are requested to not release any publicity regarding the amount of your grant, except to members of your executive committee, or persons working with your program, and all inquiries from reporters or others concerning the amount of the grant should be referred to us, but you should always admit, if asked, that you have received a grant from us.

It is to be understood that VEP reserves the right to cancel this program at any time, and demand the return of any unused portion of the grant, and you agree to account to us for same.

You are requested to acknowledge your understanding of the terms and conditions of this grant and receipt of the enclosed check by signing the enclosed carbon of this letter and returning it to us at once.

With every good wish for a successful program, I am

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encls: $5,000 check
Copy of this letter
Financial Instructions

DR. WILLIAM S. THORNTON
PODIATRIST
206 EAST CLAY STREET
RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE 648-0131

SEP 3 1964

September 1, 1964

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thanks so much for the preliminary grant to the Crusade for Voters.

You can expect from us in the Third Congressional District an active voter registration campaign designed to add 10,000 new voters to our list by the October 3rd deadline.

After talking with advisors I have already reduced the number of paid canvassers from twelve to six but will use the funds to provide many additional workers from our established precinct organizations. If we find after a two week trial that these six canvassers are not producing over and above what we can expect from the non-professionals then we will dismiss them.

Again thanks for making the grant, and I am sure that you can expect this project to be successful.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Thornton

WST/mm

VEP 4-44

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP

Receipt acknowledged this 1st day of Sept, 1964
Signed: William S Thornton
Dr. W. S. Thornton

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

August 28, 1964

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Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encls: $5,000 check
Copy of this letter
Financial Instructions

September 1, 1964

Dr. W. S. Thornton, Chairman
Crusade for Voters
206 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE VEP: 4-44

Dear Dr. Thornton:

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of research reporting forms. We request that you submit a report each week, starting from the beginning of your project. We believe that the items on the forms are self-explanatory, but feel free to question or make comments.

At the conclusion of your project, we will expect a comprehensive narrative report. This should include a thorough discussion of all aspects of your program and an assessment of its effectiveness.

If we can be of assistance to you, let us know. We welcome your questions and comments.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

Richmond Times-Dispatch

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Number 253

Richmond, Virginia, 23211, Wednesday, September 9, 1964

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Goldwater—who once said he was not a "baby kissing candidate"—kissed Julia Johnson, 3, on the cheek.

Goldwater's campaign manager, Denison Kitchel, who once said jokingly "if he kisses a baby, I quit," grinned in disbelief.

"I once made a threat to resign if he did," Kitchel replied. "I didn't see it. I don't believe it."

... that order, to adopt.

Both sides expressed mild optimism as they went into the Chrysler Corp. conference room for final-hour efforts to work out a contract that would set a pattern for more than 600,000 UAW members in the auto industry, including Chrysler's 78,000 workers.

UAW President Walter Reuther, greeted by several Chrysler workers as he pulled

Epidemic Deaths Now Stand at 27

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 8—(AP)—Houston's list of suspected encephalitis deaths stood at 27 Tuesday, with the addition of eight delayed-report fatalities.

The number of suspected sleeping sickness cases rose to 623, up 10 from Monday.

ace to shipping in the North Atlantic. The British liner Queen Mary, swept by the tail end of Cleo, reported 13 passengers were injured, none seriously, as the liner ploughed her way through waves rising 40 feet in an 80-mph gale.

Cleo killed more than 130

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travel from East to West since the Communists closed their borders and built the Berlin wall in August, 1961.

The announcement was made by Bishop Moritz Mitzeheim, head of the Protestant Church in Thuringia, who had appealed to Walter Ulbricht, the East German leader, to ease travel restrictions, at a meeting last month.

The announcement said travel permits would be granted to persons "of an age to receive old age pensions." This was seen to include women over 60 and men over 65.

West German workers, meanwhile, completed a wall more than nine feet high that critics claim serves the same purpose as the Berlin wall—to prevent the escape of East Germans.

The barricades, made of wood, concrete and chicken wire, were erected on West German territory near Hof where work is under way on a bridge over the Saale river—the demarcation line at this point between East and West Germany.

The bridge is a joint East-West effort, with West Germany meeting the construction costs and East Germany furnishing the labor.

Negroes Jam Mosque For Night Registration

An unprecedentedly large number of Richmond Negroes took advantage last night of the extended voter registration hours at the Mosque, lining up in pairs for about a city block.

By the end of the day, about 400 Negroes had been registered, according to John M. Brooks, local voter registration director of the NAACP.

This figure was supported by calculations of officials of the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce, which is spearheading a voted registration campaign.

The NAACP and the Crusade for Voters set up the machinery for the mass registration — and it appeared streamlined and well-oiled.

To solve transportation problems, the two organizations arranged for private and rented cars and chartered buses to shuttle prospective voters to the Mosque.

"We had to dismiss about two bus loads of people at Creighton Court and Gilpen Court Apartments because we knew they could not be registered today," Brooks explained.

"But we'll bring them back tomorrow and we'll also bring back those who could not get into the registrar's office from the line tonight."

With a goal of getting 10,000 new Negro voters on the books, the NAACP and the crusade expect to have around 300 registered every week day fo rthe next four weeks.

"We've never had the opportunity to do this before, because we never had these night

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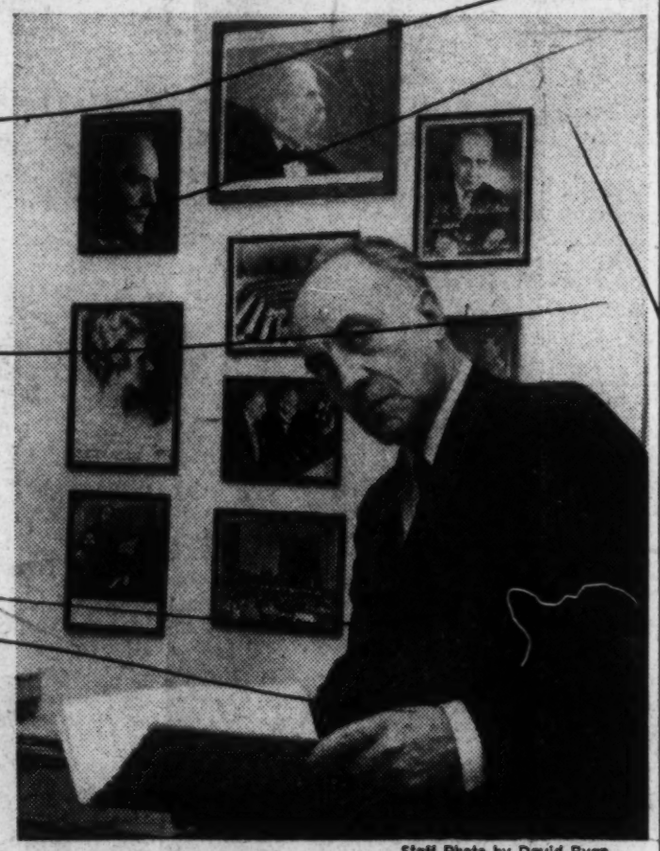

Staff Photo by David Ryan

Dr. Edouard Nies-Berger, Richmond Organist
Collaborated With Dr. Schweitzer in Bach Music Study

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ley, is available to attorneys throughout the year. A part-time librarian, Mrs. Margaret Archer, maintains and catalogues the books.

Staunton is now the only place away from Richmond where the court meets. Prior to 1946 the court also met at Wytheville.

zewhat outdated. The state subscribes to seven legal publications for this library, including only one reporter—the Southeastern Reporter.

Mrs. Archer said about 120 lawyers use the books each year. "Sometimes weeks will go by and no one will come in," she said.

The county bar association,

All 3d District Candidates Medicare-Social Security

Each of the four Third district candidates for Congress expressed disapproval last night

care for the aged that is now in effect in Virginia — "is not the best plan, but it is the best

It would be "ruinous to the Social Security System on this ...cture stretch ...yarn.

Demolition Planned At City Hall Site

Richmond is nearly ready to start preparing the site of its proposed new City Hall.

The city received bids yesterday from demolition companies interested in the project. As soon as it awards a contract, wreckers will move in to tear down existing buildings.

Major structures on the site—the block bounded by Ninth, Tenth, Broad and Marshall sts.—are the old Richmond Motor Company building and three buildings formerly occupied by the Department of Public Utilities.

An administrative official said the city hopes to get the buildings demolished by Thanksgiving so that the land can be used for public automobile parking during the Christmas shopping season.

Architects are completing plans for the new City Hall, and the city hopes to be ready to award a contract for its construction shortly after the first of the year.

Plans for the building have yet to be approved by the City Planning Commission, which is empowered to review the general character, location and extent of all public structures.

Architects presented preliminary plans for the building to the commission last month. But Chairman Marcellus Wright Jr. said the commission has not met since then to discuss the project.

As it is being designed, the new City Hall would have eight floors above ground and two subsurface floors for the parking of city vehicles.

It would be the second major municipal building in the Civic Center. The first, the Safety-Health-Welfare building, has been in use for several months.

A sunken mall will stretch between the two buildings. Landscape architects are working on the final stages of plans for this park-like facility.

Current plans call for retention of the present City Hall, possibly for use as courts building.

Negroes Jam Mosque to Register

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registration hours before. It is to the credit of the Junior Chamber of Commerce that they arranged this," Brooks said.

Open Until 8 P. M.

The junior chamber helped obtain an agreement from Richmond city registrar Vernon Davis to extend his office hours, beginning last night.

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Last night at 8 the line extended from the Mosque's main entrance to half way along the building's side on Main st. About half a dozen policemen stood by.

The registration itself moved at snail's pace. Until 8 p.m., three clerks filled out questionares and processed precinct cards. Outside, there was a line of about 150 persons and within the registrar's office another 50 applicants.

Around 8:15 p.m., a fourth clerk began interviewing prospective voters, but the increase in the speed of processing was hardly discernible.

Agreement Reached

With the 8:30 p.m. closing time nearing, Junior Chamber of Commerce, NAACP and crusade officials began quiet negotiations with Davis.

They agreed to cut the line of waiting applicants by half and Davis agreed to register the remainder before closing.

Officials of the Junior Chamber of Commerce emphasized last night that their drive applied to "all citizens who are eligible to vote, no matter who they are." If there are white groups who want to bring down busloads of people, we're sure they can arrange that."

Some of these officials were critical about the slowness of the registration.

"The registrar said he couldn't do better because his office was not equipped for such a massive turnout," one of them remarked.. "Well, it seems the government on any level should be prepared to handle its job properly."

Davis said he had "no comment to make about anything."

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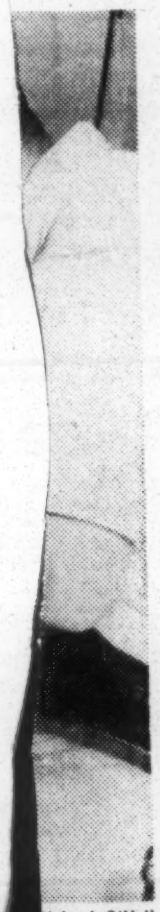

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County Asks Creation of Vote Precinct

The Henrico board of Supervisors will petition Henrico Circuit Court to create a new voting precinct in the county's Tuckahoe magisterial district.

County officials said today the new precinct would be known as Spottswood, with the West End Tri-Club Community Center of 8102 Ridge rd. as its polling place.

The new precinct will be formed from portions of the Maybeury, Tuckahoe and Rollingwood precincts.

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Haddock Headquarters Opened

The West End headquarters for the campaign of Dr. Edward E. Haddock, independent candidate for the Third district seat in the House of Representatives, was opened last night at 2501 West Main st. Surrounded by admirers, Haddock shakes hands with the headquarters' manager, John Carstarphen, as the candidate's daughter, Miss Judith Ann Haddock (center) enjoys the festivities. The new office is one of a series that Haddock plans to open in various sections of the city.

About 1,000 So Far

Voter Drive Succeeding

Richmond's voter registration drive continued yesterday, and there was joy in the camps of Johnson Democrats and of a pro-Johnson independent candidate for Congress.

Most of the new voters are Negroes, and they are considered strongly pro-Johnson and likely supporters of Dr. Edward E. Haddock, independent candidate for the Third district's seat in Congress.

City registrar Vernon Davis said that 502 Negroes had registered Tuesday and he estimated that "about the same number" was registered yesterday.

The drive was started by the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce, which persuaded City Registrar Vernon Davis to maintain night office hours for the convenience of new registrants.

Three organizations have moved in to help promote the registration campaign: the Richmond branch of the NAACP, the Crusade for Voters, a Negro organization; and the Virginia Non-Partisan Voters League, an organization of whites and Negroes.

A line of potential voters, mostly Negroes, greeted Davis when he opened his office yesterday morning. It streamed into his office throughout the day.

Tonight and Friday night, the voters league will operate buses to take persons to Davis' office in the Mosque to register.

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Strong Johnson Support

One political leader, a Democrat, said that "four out of five" of the new voters will be for the Johnson-Humphrey ticket and for Haddock.

Haddock, normally a Democrat, is running as an independent against David E. Satterfield III, Democrat; Richard D. Obenshain, Republican; and Stanley Smith Jr., a conservative independent.

"I feel a warm, receptive glow everywhere I go," Haddock said yesterday. "There've been a lot of Democrats hiding in the hedges and bushes, and they're coming out. They're glad to see a real Democrat in the race."

Haddock said he considered himself the "only real Democrat" in the contest. He has endorsed the Johnson - Humphrey ticket. Satterfield has remained silent.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

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Name of Project: VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

Period covered by this report: From Aug 31, 1964 to Sept 11, 1964

Person reporting George A. Pannell

206 E Clay Stree — Richmond — Virginia

Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: September 11, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Third Congressional District of Virginia

Richmond, Henrico, Chesterfield

Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 8,000

Number instructed at home 4,000

Number instructed at clinics 2,500

Number instructed other places 10,000 a. Specify places

Churches, pool rooms, barber shops, etc.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 3,000

Number successfully registered by this project this week 2,300

Number denied registration in this project this week 700

a. Reason for denial Not enough registrars to handle the number of people applying

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Number contacted by other means 30,000

a. Specify means Use of sound trucks in 17 precincts (Negro) on a daily basis

Number refusing to participate none

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 3,000

Number of workers in the campaign Staff 8, Volunteers, 200

Remarks Our volunteer program is beginning to firm-up. We have had to install another telephone to answer requests for work and transportation. Our #1 problem at the moment is the Registrar's office which is understaffed to cope with the number of people we are getting to the one office. We are bringing pressure to bear on this problem and something will be done about it. We have every reason to believe at this writing that our voter registration drive here, will be successful.

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Our number two problem is money. We need more. Getting organized has been costly, but we think, profitable. We have made commitments that are outstanding and will have to be honored, such as telephones, the rental of typewriters, rental of office space, another 20,000 leaflets will be distributed over the weekend, city permits for the xx use of sound equipment extended use of students, who are doing a magnificent job; more bus transportation, which is having a psychological effect on the masses. We also need money for day workers such as group organizers (getting people together in time at bus points, etc.) monitors and checkers.

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New Voters Continue To Register

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A final count showed that 515 persons registered Wednesday, 13 more than the day before. City Registrar Vernon Davis said last night that the number who registered yesterday would be about the same.

Buses were sent by the Virginia Non-Partisan Voters League last night into predominantly white neighborhoods, but the number of potential Negro voters yesterday still heavily outweighed the white.

"There was no noticable difference from the other two days," Davis said. "Nearly all the people were Negroes." At 8 p.m. there were about one-half dozen white persons in a line of about 75 people outside the registrar's office.

An estimated 1,500 persons have registered since a drive was started by the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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Financial statement and reports will follow.

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Calling All Conservatives!

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Dr. Haddock, former Mayor, former State Senator, is a personable fellow, but his political views are Hubert Humphrey down-the-line. He is a big government man, an ardent advocate of racial integration, an exponent of the welfare state. His election as congressman from the Third District would rank as a political disaster somewhere between hurricane Dora and the bubonic plague.

Registration books will remain open until October 3. Conservatives, moderate Conservatives, and all-out Conservatives who may not have registered to vote have a personal obligation to get to the registrar's office in the next three weeks. If they have to wait in line for a while, that's tough; Dr. Haddock's Negro legions are ready to suffer this inconvenience. If those unregistered persons who oppose Dr. Haddock's brand of liberalism are unwilling to make this much sacrifice, they will have only themselves to blame if he wins.

The Third District cast a total vote four years ago of 92,360. Richard Nixon got 57,912, or 63 per cent; John Kennedy got 34,448, or 37 per cent. The vote fairly reflected the conservative-liberal divison of feeling in this area. If the same pattern should obtain this time, in the congressional race, Dr. Haddock will go into election day with a walloping vote already in the bag.

To the ramparts, laggard friends! Registration during daytime hours ordinarily requires only a few minutes. No poll tax need be paid to participate in the November election. City residents should go to the Mosque, Henrico residents to the Main Street courthouse and Chesterfield residents to the county courthouse. Forward, ho!

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Dear Mr. Branton:

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Registrations Increasing In Virginia

Five More Offices to Open In City for New Voters

An increasing number of Virginians, many of them Negroes, are registering to vote in the November presidential election.

The brisk business is beginning to strain voter registration personnel and facilities in Richmond, a development which resulted in an announcement that five branch offices will be opened here.

The increased interest in politics was attributed to the presidential campaign and to the abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting in federal elections.

Virginia

By Allan Jones

Election officials at the scene said in response to a survey yesterday that the pace of voter registration has increased considerably recently in several central and Southside Virginia communities.

Registrars in a number of localities reported a particularly brisk business among Negroes. This coincides with the formation of a new voter registration project by the NAACP in 21 selected areas.

For the first time, the poll tax is not a pre-requisite to participating in federal elections. In addition, the courts have invalidated the certificate of residence, a substitute for the poll tax enacted by the General Assembly.

The deadline for poll tax payment and for filing the certificate of residence was six months before the general election—a time when there usually is little interest in politics.

One Requirement Now

The only requirement now for voting in federal elections in Virginia is to register, and this can be done up to 30 days before the election.

Levin Nock Davis, secretary of the State Board of Elections, said yesterday he has received no reports, with the exception of Richmond, of unusually heavy registration of voters.

As of April 1, there were 1,081,078 registered voters in the state, Davis said. This included 940,811 whites, 117,031 Negroes and 23,236 listed by Davis as miscellaneous.

Registrars reported "heavier than usual" activity in the cities of Williamsburg and Lynchburg, and the counties of Prince Edward, Louisa and Culpeper.

Williamsburg Registrar Chester Baker said 10 or 12 persons registered yesterday, a number which he said was greater than usual.

H. M. Stryker, Williamsburg mayor, has designated September 13-19 as Women Vot-

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Richmond

By Al Coates

Five branch offices will be opened in Richmond within a few days to help accommodate an unprecedented number of persons seeking to register to vote in the November election, Registrar Vernon N. Davis said yesterday.

His announcement came as three City Council members also moved to ease the situation by providing additional registration facilities to meet the mounting demand.

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About 1,230 new voters registered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, as Davis' Mosque office stayed open until 8:30 p.m. in co-operation with a voter registration drive started by the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Several hundred more registered yesterday. In addition, the staff has handled approximately 200 registration transfers during the period.

It has been a wearying experience for the registrar's staff, and led Davis yesterday to issue the following statement:

"Since this office offered to remain open until 8:30 each weekday night, the response to registrations has been more than can be handled by the limited facilities at my office.

"I have, therefore, given serious consideration to opening various sections of the city branch offices for the purpose of registrations, and have decided that five such offices will advance the service to all areas of the city.

"They will be open in sufficient time before the deadline October 3, and the hours of operation and location of such centers will be announced later."

Actually, details for operating the branches are yet to be worked out. Their locations must yet be selected.

Lingering, too, is the ques-

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Five Branch Offices to Open For Voter Registration in City

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tion of who will work in them. Davis' staff now includes four regular employes and two extra workers, all of whom have been working in shifts this week at the Mosque office.

It seemed, certain, however, that help from City Council was on the way.

Councilman James C. Wheat Jr. said yesterday that he and Councilmen Robert J. Habenicht and Henry R. Miller III will seek immediate passage Monday of a resolution intended to speed the registration work.

The resolution will state that "it is in the public interest for more adequate registration facilities to be provided throughout the city, that city property will be made available to the registrar for this purpose, and urge the registrar to promptly take appropriate action in this connection," Wheat said.

Circumstances Changed

The fact that poll tax payments no longer are a requirement for voting in federal elections has created a new set of circumstances, and facilities have proved inadequate, he said.

Wheat said he believed that the consequent congestion at the registrar's office is discouraging many persons from registering.

Under present plans, Davis' office at the Mosque is slated to remain open until 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday next week and again on Monday, September 21.

City Manager Edwards authorized use of the lobby space in the Mosque for waiting registrants if bad weather occurs.

Counties Report Increase

Meanwhile, more voters were registering in Henrico and Chesterfield counties, too.

Mr. Annette E. Wilson, Henrico's registrar, said yesterday that about 471 persons had registered this week to vote. The flow at the county office has picked up in recent weeks, but the number has been higher this week, she said.

The Henrico office will operate with night hours during the week of September 28 to October 2, remaining open until 8:30 p.m. those days, she said. The office also will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, final day for registration.

Chesterfield Situation

It was difficult to tabulate the registration activity in Chesterfield, where 28 precinct registrars and one general registrar handle the assignment.

But work activity has increased at those spots, too.

Percy T. Curtis, Chester registrar, said yesterday he is registering an average of about 10 persons a day, and expects about 200 new registrants in the precinct before the deadline.

Isaac R. Goode, precinct registrar at Midlothian, said he is registering eight to 10 persons a day, which is more than usual. Some are elderly people who have never registered before, he said.

Registration Slated In Southside Plaza

Voter registration for Chesterfield county residents will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today in the Southside Plaza shopping center.

Mrs. Margaret Cross, general registrar, said that a trailer will be in front of the J. C. Penney department store with someone on duty to register residents.

The registrar will have records of persons who have paid their poll taxes but it is hoped that people will bring their receipts with them, she said.

Ford and UAW Showdown Talk Gets Under Way

DETROIT, Sept. 11—(AP)—Showdown bargaining between the Ford Motor Co. and the United Auto Workers union began Friday amid indications that an agreement might be reached within a week.

Armed with a Chrysler agreement estimated to be worth 54 cents an hour for each worker over the next three years, UAW President Walter Reuther asked Ford to match the settlement or better it.

"I am hopeful we can get an agreement as quickly as possible and avoid crisis bargaining against a strike deadline," Reuther told newsmen after a two-hour session this morning.

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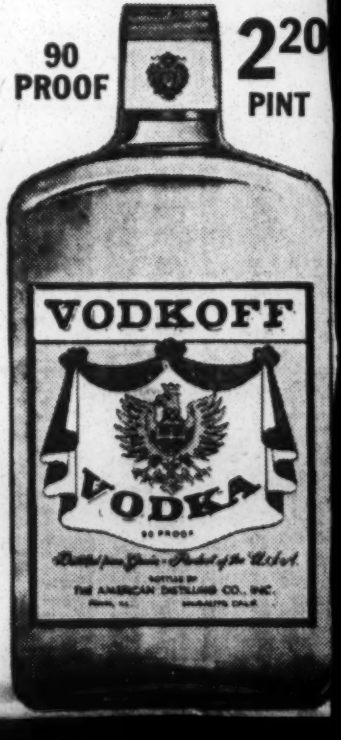

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CLOVER HILL

Skinquarter—Mrs. W. G. Markham, Moseley, PE 9-2540.
Winterpock—D. Clyde Phillips, Winterpock, PE 9-2348.

DALE

Beach—A. L. Martin, Rt. 2, Chesterfield—SH 8-2532.
Beulah—Oliver Broughton, 7540 Hopkins rd.—275-0714.
Courthouse—W. H. Walters, Chesterfield—SH 8-5273.

MANCHESTER

Broad Rock—Mrs. Gordon T. Motley, 3636 Patsy Anne dr.—BE 3-2904.
McGuire—Mrs. Thelma Boyd, 1327 Hopkins rd.—BE 3-1396.
Belmont—Mrs. S. I. Cottrell Jr., 5608 Swan dr.—BE 2-0287.
Crestwood—Mrs. H. C. Barnes Jr, 1956 Stonehenge dr.—272-2718.
Elkhardt—Irvin T. Wills, 7900 Elkhardt rd.—BR 2-0656.
Falling Creek—James H. Malone, 5601 Pat lane—275-1503.
German School—James A. Smith, 5600 Westover dr.—BE 3-4955.
Granite—Mrs. Lucy McKee, 3420 Grandview dr.—BR 2-2393.
Southampton—Mrs. W. P. Johnson, 3705 Custis rd.—275-5944.
Warwick—Lewis Reese, 2208 Clearfield rd.—BE 3-7403.

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Matoaca—Urban O. Pamplin, 525 River rd., Matoaca—RE 2-6218.
Ettrick—J. Peyton Goodall, Rt. 5, Petersburg—RE 3-3399.
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Bon Air—Alvin P. Jennings, 9127 Brown rd.—BR 2-3643.
Horner's Store—Alden J. Horner, Midlothian—BR 2-2058.
Old Gun—Mrs. C. H. Gordon, 3021 Westgate dr.—BR 2-1691.
Midlothian—Isaac R. Goode, Midlothian—SY 4-5535.
Stony Point—Mrs. Thomas Temple, 3911 Arklow rd.—272-4776.
Wagstaff—Mrs. Sallie M. Dunkley, 314 South Providence rd.—272-2056.

Pace of Registration Picks Up in State

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ers Week, and has urged all women to vote. His office will be kept open an extra day next week, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, for registrations.

Two registrars in James City county said they had not noticed any perceptible increase in registrations in that county.

Lynchburg officials noted an increase in Negro registrations, but Prince Edward Registrar S. L. Graham said voter registrations were up for both white and Negroes.

Louisa Increase

In Louisa, Registrar Manning Woodward Jr. reported that yesterday's registrations for the November general election amounted to nearly one-half of the previous total.

Until yesterday only 20 persons had registered since books reopened in July. But nine persons, six of them Negroes, registered yesterday afternoon, Woodward said.

Morris C. Winston of Buckner, president of the NAACP's Louisa branch, said all chapter members are working to get Negroes registered.

In Culpeper county the registrar's office said "quite a few" persons have registered during the past few weeks. Figures were not available, but an office employe said most were for the national election only and that many were Negroes.

Slower in Roanoke

Roanoke officials said registrations were lagging, but about 75 per cent of those applying to vote are Negroes.

The NAACP drive is part of a program of the Southern Regional Council of Atlanta, according to W. Lester Banks, executive secretary of the state NAACP.

Banks said attention will be devoted primarily to selected counties and cities in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Tenth congressional districts.

He explained that the project is not a substitute for the voter registration efforts of the various branches of the NAACP.

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Saturday, September 12, 1964

If You Want to Vote . . .

The three members of City Council who will introduce a resolution Monday night on behalf of better facilities for registering Richmond voters, are to be commended. The present situation, with hundreds waiting in line for hours at the Mosque, is intolerable. The Junior Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the current registration drive, is rightly requesting a much-needed expansion of facilities.

Places for registration should, of course, be available in all sections of the city for the convenience of the public.

Negro citizens of Richmond are taking much fuller advantage of their registration opportunities than white citizens. If the latter wish to make their voices count in the highly important election on November 3, *they will have to qualify themselves. The registration deadline for the November 3 election is October 3.* A Congressman from this district, a United States Senator from Virginia, and a President and Vice President of the United States will be chosen.

Proper implementation of the anticipated councilmanic resolution should mean that Richmonders in the West End, the North Side, the East End and the South Side will have places to which they can go to register without undue inconvenience, and without standing in line for long periods.

Registration arrangements in Henrico and Chesterfield are vitally important also. The Richmond area Congressman is chosen from those counties, as well as from the city.

Registration for Henrico residents can be carried out only at the new county office building, Twenty-First and Main sts., from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with the office open until 8:30 p.m. September 28 to October 2. This arrangement for a county of 130,000 people is ridiculously inadequate.

In Chesterfield, registration is possible at the courthouse, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and likewise with the precinct registrar in each of the 28 precincts. (See list of these precinct registrars on Page 9.) Also, there is registration on Southside Plaza today and next Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Only three weeks remain in which to register. Better facilities for doing so must be provided in Richmond and Henrico. Greater alertness on the part of many voters to their opportunities also is essential.

Voter registration drive need volunteer workers

With the magic day of October 3, the day the voter registrar's books close, drawing ever closer, several organizations have responded to the call for volunteers of the Crusade For Voters.

The participating clubs and organizations are helping out in the areas of canvasing, telephone and office work, and as block captains.

Following is the list of early volunteers:

* * *

ASTORIA Beneficial Club, Fred S. Watkins, President; Belmont Beau Club, Mrs. Isabelle Pettus, President; The Chums, Mrs. Margaret Bettis, President; The Collegiate Inc.; Oscar Blake, President.

The Deckettes, Mrs. Catherine Ready President; The Dejouirs, Mrs. Flornce Cooper. President; The Crescent Social Club, Mrs. Raymond Lee Jr.

The Young Women's Christian League Mrs. Dahlia Briggs, President.

Independent Volunteers include, Mrs. Gladys Brown, Mr. Sandy Logan, Mrs. Bernice Johnson, Mr. Saunders Averett, Mrs. Inez Gaines, Sylvester Johnson, and Welford Williams.

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LOUDSPEAKERS and special Freedom Train buses will circulate in all nigheborhoods. Also, special telephone numbers will be announced over radio stations for people who need transportations.

You can help the cause thusly:

When you hear these numbers, call and arrange to be picked up to be taken down to the Registrar's Office. If you live in a block where there are unregistered voters, take it upon yourself to get the names of these people.

Have them all to decide on times they would like transportation to the Mosque to register.

Then, call the Crusade For Voters at 648-1750 or the local NAACP branch office at Mi 8-9337. We will take care of it from there.

THERE IS still a great ned of convassers for many of the precincts that The NAACP Youth Council cannot get to visit. The Youth Council has been doing the canvassing thus far, but they need the aid of many more volunteers.

To do a really good job, canvassing will have to be done in several precincts at a time.

Another area where help is needed is on the Telephone Squad. Thousands of people have to be contacted, as well as other clubs, to solicit volunteers and to contact by phone unregistered voters.

All willing workers are asked to call Mi 8-9537 or after 10 p.m., call Mi 8-0657 and ask for any of the assistant directors.

Appointments announced by Southern Aid

Earle Henderson, staff manager on the Richmond District of Southern Aid Life Insurance Company, Inc. has been appointed as acting district manager to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of E.S. Than

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Calling All Conservatives!

Within the past two days, more than one thousand prospective votes for Dr. Edward Haddock have flowed through the City Registrar's office. These Negro registrants are part of a stream that has been gaining force since early spring. With every day that passes, the dismal prospect grows that Dr. Haddock will put together a successful coalition of Negroes and liberal Democrats in the Third District. If the conservative vote splits more or less equally between Dave Satterfield and Richard Obenshain, with even one per cent to the right-wing Stanley Smith, the ironical outcome is clear: This cool conservative district could send a flaming Liberal to the House. How about that!

Dr. Haddock, former Mayor, former State Senator, is a personable fellow, but his political views are Hubert Humphrey down-the-line. He is a big government man, an ardent advocate of racial integration, an exponent of the welfare state. His election as congressman from the Third District would rank as a political disaster somewhere between hurricane Dora and the bubonic plague.

Registration books will remain open until October 3. Conservatives, moderate Conservatives, and all-out Conservatives who may not have registered to vote have a personal obligation to get to the registrar's office in the next three weeks. If they have to wait in line for a while, that's tough; Dr. Haddock's Negro legions are ready to suffer this inconvenience. If those unregistered persons who oppose Dr. Haddock's brand of liberalism are unwilling to make this much sacrifice, they will have only themselves to blame if he wins.

The Third District cast a total vote four years ago of 92,360. Richard Nixon got 57,912, or 63 per cent; John Kennedy got 34,448, or 37 per cent. The vote fairly reflected the conservative-liberal divison of feeling in this area. If the same pattern should obtain this time, in the congressional race, Dr. Haddock will go into election day with a walloping vote already in the bag.

To the ramparts, laggard friends! Registration during daytime hours ordinarily requires only a few minutes. No poll tax need be paid to participate in the November election. City residents should go to the Mosque, Henrico residents to the Main Street courthouse and Chesterfield residents to the county courthouse. Forward, ho!

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TELEPHONE 648-0131

Sept. 12, 1964

Dear Mr. Branton,

This is a follow up on the other clipping that I sent you. We have many local citizens on our side and are helping to save the situation.

We are still registering about 500 Negroes a day. The J C's are getting the newspaper credit — but, they and all the citizens know who has been doing the work.

Sincerely

William S Thornton

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Council Action Sought To Speed Registrations

Long Lines Viewed as Deterrent

By CHARLES HOUSTON

Three members of City Council today moved to speed up the flow of persons who are seeking in unprecedented numbers to register to vote in the November election.

Councilman James C. Wheat Jr. said in a statement that he and Councilman Robert J. Habenicht and Henry R. Miller III proposed to introduce a resolution Monday for immediate passage aimed at facilitating the flow of registrants.

Meanwhile, City Manager Edwards authorized use of the Main st. lobby of the Mosque to aid registrants in line in the event of inclement weather, and the use of the main lobby as needed except when other functions are occupying that area.

OFFICE INADEQUATE

In his statement Wheat said the registrar now maintains one office at the Mosque which has proven entirely inadequate to care for the large number now seeking to register.

Members of Council, he said, have been asked by many citizens and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which is conducting a voter-registration drive, to make more registration facilities available throughout the city.

"This, of course," said Wheat, "is a matter subject to control of the Electoral Board and the Registrar, and not City

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(Virginia NAACP announces new voter registration project in 21 selected Virginia areas. Story on Page 25.)

quire a year or more.

Council

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Council. Messrs. Habenicht, Miller and I propose, however, to introduce for immediate passage on Monday a resolution which will state that it is in the public interest for more adequate registration facilities to be provided throughout the city, that city property will be made available to the Registrar for this purpose, and urging the Registrar to promptly take appropriate action in this connection."

JAM IS DISCOURAGING

Wheat said that registration is now conducted under a new set of circumstances (no poll tax payment required in federal elections), and that facilities have proved inadequate to meet the demand.

He believed, he said, that the resulting jam is discouraging many entitled to register from registering, and that this should be corrected.

Registration, which reached record proportions earlier in the week, seemed to have increased sharply today.

"This seems to be the heaviest day we've had so far," said Herbert C. Bookman, assistant to City Registrar Vernon Davis.

Bookman said more than 100 persons were lined up to register at 9:30 a.m. When the registrar's office in the Mosque opened at 8:30, there were 35 persons in line waiting to register.

OPEN UNTIL 8:30

In the three days since a voter registration drive was started by the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce, more than 1,500 new voters have been registered.

Bookman said an accurate compilation of yesterday's results was not available.

SPONSIBILITY

September 14, 1964

Dr. William S. Thornton, Chairman
Crusade for Voters
206 E. Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Re: VEP 4-44

Dear Dr. Thornton:

This will acknowledge receipt of your financial report to date and also certain newspaper articles pertaining to your registration efforts.

We have decided to make you a supplemental grant in the amount of $3,000 and our check for that amount is enclosed herein. I note in reviewing your budget letter of August 14 that you have already overspent certain items in your budget such as printing and postage, and I would assume that there will be no further need for expenditures for these items.

We are enclosing a supply of ledger sheets for your use, and we apologize for not sending them the first time.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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September 18, 1964

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thank you so very much for the additional financial help that you have sent us in the Crusade for Voters.

Our postage expense has been hightbecause we are sending letters to all the now qualified voters asking that they take it upon themselves to get one addtional person qualified. This has been successful from the number of persons that have been turned away from the registrar's office because of the long waiting lines.

Our printing cost has been higher than estimated because of our concentration of efforts in the various precincts. You will see from the enclosed leaflets what we have attempted to do. The registrar has opened five regional offices and this made us get printed 20,000 more leaflets for distribution to the churches, and 20,000 more pocket size cards for gemeral distribution to let the public know where the offices are.

We are running five busses to the regional offices on Monday, hoping that we can get all persons registered.

Sincerely,

William S. Thornton

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2 DAILY PAPERS BLASTED

IN VOTER REGISTRATION LINE — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lee Jr. of 1500 Hickory St. are shown as they waited two hours to register as voters, with Mr. Lee holding their son, Raymond 3rd. The Lees were among hundreds who appeared at the registration office at the Mosque, 804 Main St., to register. Registration continues until Oct. 13. No poll tax is required to register to vote in the Presidential election. (AFRO photo by Scott Henderson)

Accused of race angle journalism

Dr. William S. Thornton, local civic leader, on Tuesday accused the two daily newspapers here of following a joint editorial policy of "racist journalism" and 'extremism."

The charges were made against the Richmond News Leader and the Richmond Times Disptach as a result of articles and editorials the papers published about increased voter registration among colored citizens.

Dr. Thonrton, chairman of the board of the Crusade For Voters and treasurer of the Richmond NAACP, said that the two dailies appear to be attempting to 'scare" white persons into registering by alleging that registration among colored persons constitutes a "threat."

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THE NAACP official said the dailies seem to be following the principle that "extremism in pursuit of white registration is no vice."

Dr. Thornton added: "This is pure and simple racist journalism . . . as evil and divisive as the type of racist politics practiced by Gov. (George) Wallace of Alabama."

He said registration and voting are a citizenship responsibility, irrespective of race or color.

"Increased registration, no matter whether among colored or white citizens, constitutes no "bubonic plague." Nor do large numbers represent either 'white' or Negro 'legions,' " Dr. Thornton declared.

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THE NEWS LEADER published an editorial on Sept. 10 in which it intimated that unless "white conversatives" registered the "Negro legions" would elect a "flaming liberal" to Congress.

Dr. Thornton said the two dailies would be doing the people of Richmond, as well as the State of Virginia, a service if they discontinue "this practice of racist ourn-

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ASK YOUR EMPLOYER TO LET YOU OFF TO REGISTER AND VOTE

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REGISTERING AS VOTERS — This line is typical of the crowds which gathered nightly at the registration office in the Mosque, 804 W. Main St., to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election. Many of the persons in the lines carry cards which read: "Stop Goldwater! Before He Stops You. It's Easy. It's Free — No Poll Tax To Pay." Registration continues until Oct. 3. (AFRO photo by Scott Henderson)

Want your own bus? Then call these numbers

How would you like to own a bus?

This question, in effect, is being asked by the Richmond Crusade For Voters group.

A spokesman for the organization stated, this week, that persons in any neighborhood of the city who want to "own" a bus for a ride to the registration office may do so by calling 648-1750 or MI 8-9337.

The only requirement is that there be a busload of persons in a given block or neighborhood. Transportation is free. No poll tax are required to register to vote in the Presidential election.

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Negro Leader Charges Registration Slowdown

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Dr. William Thornton, chairman of the Crusade for Voters, has charged that the Richmond Registrar's office is slowing down registration procedures.

Dr. Thornton, who heads the Negro group spurring a successful registration drive here, said "because of the lack of co-operation from city Registrar Vernon N. Davis, the hands of city officials are tied."

He had high praise for the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce and for city officials who he said had "done a wonderful job" in encouraging registration and in trying to provide facilities to meet the surge of new registrants.

But, he said, "Davis is a state official," and is less co-operative.

Exact Figures Difficult

Thornton, asked for comment on the registration plans, said he and the Jaycees were trying to persuade Davis to continue provisions for night registration, which ends Monday. He said this, in addition to keeping the main post office and four substations open until 8:30 p.m., would aid in speeding the registration.

Exact figures on the number of persons registered are difficult to determine, Thornton said. He said newspaper accounts showed that 1,719 persons were registered during the recent five-day period. This averages out to about 343 per day, or 27 per hour.

"They have six people working at the Mosque," Thornton said. "These figures mean it is taking 13 and a half minutes to register one person. That to us seems a bit excessive."

Davis Responds

He said that two minutes should be the average time for completion of the registration process. "Some persons could perform it in 10 seconds," he said.

Davis said Friday night there definitely would be no further registration. He said his office was a state office operating independently of the city government and he was only required by law to stay open until 5:30 p.m.

"I have a staff of only five people," Davis said. "You work those people 14 or 15 hours a day as we've been doing and they're not good for anything the next day."

But Davis' new plan...

...ration's proposed Social Security medical care program.

...practically certain, too, that Senator Goldwater himself will campaign later in Virginia, Corber said.

City, Two Counties

2,942 Voters Register In Richmond Area

A Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce official said last night that 2,942 persons have registered to vote in Richmond, Henrico and Chesterfield since the organization's registration campaign started September 8.

Of these, 1,609 were white and 1,333 were Negro, according to Fred Cox, chairman of the campaign.

A breakdown showed this for the three communities:

In Richmond, 1,798 persons—1,279 Negroes and 519 whites—have registered.

In Henrico, 669 persons—640 white, 29 Negro—have registered.

In Chesterfield, 475 persons—450 whites and 25 Negroes—have registered.

Free Transportation

The Virginia Voter Registration League announced yesterday that it would provide free transportation to the city registrar's office and back to specified pick-up points for anyone wishing to register during the evening hours between tonight and Friday night.

A spokesman for the league said anyone planning to use the transportation should be at the following locations at 6:15 p.m. on the night designated:

Tonight — Montrose Heights Playground, Fenton and Central aves., and Southside Playground at 3000 Stockton st.

Tomorrow night—Mary Munford School, 211 Westmoreland ave., and Westover Playground, Forest Hills ave. and Jahnke rd.

Friday night—Drugstore at Bon Haven Shopping Center, 2400 Jefferson Davis highway, and Highland Park, 2d and Milton sts.

Meanwhile, the city registrar's office was still doing a booming business last night, with some 30 persons still waiting in line to register at the 8:30 p.m. closing time.

Registrar Vernon Davis declined to estimate the number of persons who had registered yesterday, but summed up his situation with "we're up to our necks."

Davis is expected to announce tomorrow five new locations at which city residents may register.

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About 925 Persons Register To Vote as Substations Open

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About 925 new voters registered at the Mosque and at five substations opened in the city for the first time yesterday.

This increased to over 4,000 the number registered since the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce launched a registration drive.

The bulk of yesterday's registrants, some 575, were processed at stations in the main post office at 10th and Main sts. and four branch postoffices.

They will continue to be open from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. through October 3, excluding Saturday and Sunday.

The extra offices were opened after long lines of prospective voters formed outside the office of Registrar Vernon N. Davis when his agency began night hours earlier this month.

Final Night Session

The final night session last night at the Mosque brought about 350 persons, with an estimated 100 to 125 being turned away at 8:30 p.m. closing.

Del. Junie Bradshaw, who represents Richmond and Henrico in the Virginia House of Delegates and is vice chairman of Virginia Young Citizens for Johnson, issued a statement last night urging more night hours.

"The tremendous success of the registration drive that ended tonight reflects credit upon Mr. Davis and the Richmond Jaycees.

"The success of their efforts in the hundreds who were turned away each night at closing time speaks eloquently for the need of continuing night registration."

Bradshaw said registration hours should begin at noon instead of 10 a.m., and last until 8 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.

Mrs. Annette E. Wilson, Henrico general registrar, said 605 persons registered during the evening at Douglas Freeman High School.

A count showed 498 registered only for the federal election, and 107 for local and state elections as well which require poll tax payments.

The Henrico night registration will continue, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., tonight at Hermitage High School, with the same hours again Wednesday at Freeman and back to Hermitage Thursday.

Third District Race Shapes Up as Three-Man, Name-Calling Spat

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By CARL SHIRES

With thousands of words gone and six campaigning weeks to go, the Third district race for Congress now shapes up as a three-man, name-calling, confused-issue dogfight.

The three men are Dr. Edward E. Haddock, independent for Johnson; Richard D. Obenshain, Republican for Goldwater, and David E. Satterfield III, Democrat for himself.

There's a fourth man, too, in the run—Stanley Smith Jr., independent for Goldwater. None of the other three, however, seem to be taking Smith seriously.

Smith hasn't appeared to be taking himself seriously at recent campaign appearances. He appeared, instead, to be having fun needling the opposition.

In alphabetical order:

Haddock stands almost 100 per cent squarely behind the doings of the Democratic administration.

Obenshain stands upon the platform adopted by the Republicans in San Francisco.

Satterfield stands upon a 2,800-word platform of his own, one that appears tilted, to many observers, toward the Goldwater way of looking at things.

An as independent, Haddock is relying on self-reliance. He hasn't got formal endorsement from any camps.

Obenshain is being endorsed all the way by the GOP.

Satterfield has drawn endorsements from such diverse organizations as the liberal-moderate Democrats who compose the Third District Democratic Association to the district's archly conservative Democratic Central Committee.

THE BIG ISSUE

Big issue of the campaign to date has been Satterfield's disinclination to announce a presidential candidate preference.

It's an issue apt to be a hot one through the campaign. Haddock and Obenshain show no inclination to let up in their criticism of Satterfield's silence.

Satterfield cites his experience — in the Richmond City Council and General Assembly.

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Obenshain can't cite such experience, but he cites both opponents as horrible examples of experience.

Dr. Haddock is assumed to command virtually the full support of Negro voters in the district, most of the labor vote, and lots of support from advocates of the late President Kennedy in 1960. He expects also to pick up some votes that would have gone to Satterfield had he endorsed President Johnson.

Obenshain commands the support of virtually all Republicans and may pick up some former Satterfield backers disenchanted because Satterfield didn't announce for Goldwater. He is expected to get virtually no Negro votes.

Anti-Goldwater feeling runs strong among Negroes and their feelings are expected to spill over to Obenshain because of those Goldwater - Obenshain bumper stickers and Obenshain's enchantment with Goldwater.

Without that Negro vote—which nearly put Dr. Louis Williams, Republican, across when Dr. Williams ran in 1962 against incumbent J. Vaughan Gary—Obenshain has a rough road ahead.

THE NAME HELPS

Satterfield is known as a conservative Democrat in a district that goes for conservative Democrats. His name is worth a lot of votes; it's well-known in the district. It was Satterfield's father who preceded Gary in Congress.

And though Satterfield probably lost some votes because he wouldn't endorse a presidential candidate, any other way probably would have cost him more.

Meanwhile, the retiring Gary hasn't been campaigning for Satterfield. He may be backing him, but he certainly isn't campaigning for him. Satterfield hasn't asked him to.

UNPOPULAR VOTES

Gary recently has voted for some moderate-liberal administration measures in Washington. That makes him unpopular with Third district conservative Democrats.

Satterfield isn't expected to get many Negro votes.

At this point, most political observers see the contest as primarily a Satterfield - Haddock fight. They think loss of Negro backing for the Republicans will mean too much for Obenshain.

But Obenshain is articulate and a scrambler. Nobody's written him off.

There are six weeks, three days to go till November 3.

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Negroes Using Bus In Registration Drive

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The bus was shuttling passengers primarily to the postoffices on MacArthur ave. and Westover Hills boulevard, where the waiting lines have been shorter during mid-day hours than at the East End and other registration sites.

REPORT CONFIRMED

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George Pannell, research director for the Crusade, said the plan was one of "four or five" being considered.

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NAACP leaders asked why the postoffice at North ave. and Brookland Park boulevard was not picked as a North Side registration site.

Davis said the sites were picked according to population centers.

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They broke the figures down to 4,022 in Richmond, 1,260 in Chesterfield and 2,365 in Henrico.

The Jaycees ended active participation in the campaign Monday night when Davis ended his schedule of night hours. The group's publicity and advertising program will continue, however, until the October 3 registration deadline.

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W. Lester Banks, executive secretary of the state NAACP, and David E. Longley, chairman of the local branch's legal redress committee, signed the letter.

They asked Davis also whether he had considered the use of volunteer workers—"since registration work is by no stretch of imagination a highly technical service."

DAVIS REACTION

Davis said he would not accept volunteers to register voters.

Postal organization representatives earlier indicated a desire to provide voluntary manpower in registration assistance. J. G. Mizell, Richmond postmaster said federal employes are permitted to participate in non-partisan registration drives.

In the postoffice department's policy of co-operation on registration, Davis had his choice of any postoffice substation in the city for registration purposes.

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NAACP OFFICIAL ASKS

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Is 'Byrd machine' seeking to curb voter registration?

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Is the state political organization dominated by the so - called "Byrd machine" attempting to curtail registration of colored persons as voters by making it as difficult as possible for them to register?

This question was raised Tuesday in a letter which three NAACP officials to City Registrar of Voters Vernon N. Davis.

The letter was signed by H. L. Slade Jr., president; David H. Longley, chairman legal redress committee, of the Richmond NAACP, and W. Lester Banks, executive secretary of the NAACP State Conference.

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THE NAACP officials protested the discontinuance of night registration in Richmond, pointing out that at the same time registration offices are being operated at night in Henrico County where colored residents are sparse.

They questioned the claim by Davis that the lack of personnel was the reason for discontinuance of night registration.

"We are certain that at least 50 volunteers could have been obtained from the colored community in Richmond," the NAACP officials stated.

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THEY ALSO noted that registration offices set up in post office buildings are away from the areas where there are heavy colored population.

They asked why was the new postal sub-station at Brookland Rd. and North Ave. "deliberately omitted."

"Can it be that your office was opposed to the idea of making it convenient for Northside colored people to become eligible to vote in the November election?" Davis was asked.

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THE REGISTRAR was urged to continue night registration to the Oct. 3 deadline.

The day registration is from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. at the following stations:

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Civic Forum's HQ

Register-Vote Office Set Up At 712 High Street

PORTSMOUTH — Headquarters for the Central Civic Forum's voter registration drive were established this week at 712 High street.

Dr. John Holley III, CCF president, indicated that the offices will be open from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. daily, except Sunday. He said that as the drive gains momentum the headquarters will stay open longer.

"Persons interested in receiving any information about registering to vote in the November federal elections should come to the headquarters or call 393-4347 or 393-6160," Dr. Holley said.

THE headquarters is staffed by members of the Women's Voters League.

"We have the necessary sample forms that persons will have to fill out in the registrar's office," said Dr. Holley. "Anyone needing help in filling out the forms should come to our voter registration center and women here will teach them how to properly execute the forms."

THE OFFICE staff will also clearly explain the ward and precinct in which a person is now living by phone for those persons who are interested to know. Some of the members will canvass by phone the areas that the CCF has not organized. Those areas include Jefferson and Jackson wards.

CCF has organized units in Tyler, Washington, Harrison, Wilson, Stuart, Lee and Monroe wards.

"These ladies will not only call each person to see if he or she is going to the registrar's office, but they will also send transportation to pick the person up and take him to the registrar's office, except during the hours of 10 a. m. to 12 noon daily," the CCF president asserted.

DURING that two - hour period Safeway Taxi Cab company has consented to transport persons to and from the registrar's office free of charge while the voter registration drive is in progress.

Dr. Holley indicated that a group of persons who do not work during the day, or are retired, have given the service of their automobiles to carry persons to the registrar's office during the day.

"THE RESPONSE has been tremendous, almost overwhelming; however, there is still much work to be done if we intend to reach our goal," he said. "There is still room for more volunteers to work in all areas. This job cannot be done by a few people."

The Interdenominational Ministers Forum of Portsmouth and Vicinity went on record last week to support the registration drive.

THE GROUP is urging all of its church members to register before the deadline, and those churches with buses have agreed to let their bus make trips in various communities, picking up persons, taking them to the registrar's office and returning them home. They also agreed to set up voter registration committees in each church.

Although no figures have been released in connection with the number of persons who have been registered as a result of the voter registration drive, a report is scheduled to be given at the next meeting of the executive committee of CCF, scheduled for the first of next week.

Voter Signups Set 3 Saturdays

PORTSMOUTH — The city registrar's office will be open for the next three Saturdays to accommodate persons wishing to register to vote who cannot come to the office during the week.

But to enable the office to open for the next two Saturdays the registrar will close tomorrow (Wednesday) and the following Wednesday, Melville B. Payne, general registrar said today.

State law requires registrars' offices to be open on Oct. 3, which is a Saturday and the last day that people may apply for the vote in the Nov. 3 election.

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Payne said that the office will be open six days during the last week before the deadline and not take off the compensatory Wednesday.

In the meantime Payne pointed out that there has been a heavy influx of registrants which has brought voter registrations in Portsmouth to a record high.

Since the June councilmanic election 2,609 people have registered bringing the total qualified for voting in Portsmouth to 26,100, he said.

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An overwhelming majority of those registering now are qualifying to vote in federal elections only, Payne said. For example, on Monday 89 registered for federal elections only and 23 qualified to vote in state and local elections by satisfying state poll tax requirements.

Of those new registrants, 1,613 were Negroes and 996 were white people.

Hours at the registrar's office run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekend Turnout

Voter Signup Shatters Mark

By ETHEL A. STEADMAN

Virginian-Pilot Staff Writer

PORTSMOUTH—Residents of this city reportedly broke all local records Saturday as 150 citizens turned out to register during a special weekend extension of the registrar's regular office hours. E. H. Snead, assistant registrar, and an unidentified volunteer lieutenant, were swamped by the unusually high number of potential voters. The two men, who opened shop on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 9 a.m. Saturday, did not even get a lunch break.

One factor which contributed to their workload is a state law which requires that each applicant complete the voter registration form in his or her own handwriting without assistance from the registrar.

Up until last week, people registering here had been required only to answer the verbal questions put to them by registrars. That was put to an end, however, when a local resident dug up the law and demanded that it be enforced according to the letter instead of the spirit.

Registrar Melvin B. Payne circled in red the section of the state code which calls for the laborious individual registration process and posted copies of it conspicuously outside his office so there would be no misunderstanding as to its legality.

Snead, Saturday, said he could not remember any day during which as many as 150 people registered here. He has worked in the office since 1962.

The 150 total was evenly divided—75 whites and 75 Negroes. This in itself is unusual, as Negroes have been registering steadily since July 16 at a ratio of nearly two-to-one over whites.

In fact, in the past two months, Payne said 2,027 Negroes were added to the books here as opposed to only 1,495 whites.

The heavy Negro registration, encouraged locally by the Portsmouth chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as well as community civic leagues, produced in two months nearly one-third again the number of Negro registrants already on the books—6,235.

Of the total registering Saturday, only five qualified to vote in local and state elections by paying the controversial Virginia poll tax. Two of these were Negroes and three, whites. The 145 others will be eligible to vote only in federal elections, including November presidential balloting.

The registrar's office will close Wednesday to make up for the Saturday stint. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The office will also be open to register voters Oct. 3, as required by law. The books will close at 5 p.m. that day and will not be opened again until after the Nov. 3 election.

Of the 2,027 Negroes registered here between July 16 and Sept. 15, only 350 qualified to vote in state and local elections by paying poll taxes. Only 475 whites of the total 1,020 registered paid their poll taxes.

The dramatic increase can be more readily understood when similar registration figures for 1960 are remembered: 224 Negroes and 1,145 whites.

Efforts Intensified

'Big Push' In Vote Drive To Beat Oct. 3 Deadline

PORTSMOUTH — The Central Civic Forum will engage in "operation big push" this weekend and next in an effort to encourage all the city residents to register by the Oct. 3rd deadline.

Although registration has set a record, according to the registrar's office, the Forum wants to make sure each citizen is aware of his responsibility, and will increase its efforts these next few days.

One - hundred fifty persons registered last Saturday on the special weekend extension — 75 whites and 75 Negroes. During the past two months, 2,027 Negroes have been added to the books, making a total Negro registration 6,235 as of July 16.

THE FINAL weeks of the register - vote campaign will be pushed in various ways. A float representing the six civic leagues will take part in Saturday's Fish Bowl parade, printed material will be passed out, sound trucks will circulate the city during the weekend, and door - to - door canvassing is still underway.

Persons needing assistance in registering should call at the Forum's headquarters, 712 High street, where any member of the Women's League, staffing the office, will help out.

Transportation to and from the registrar's office is also provided by the headquarters and may be obtained by dialing EX 3-4347 and 393-6160.

ANYONE wishing to practice before going to the office should call the above numbers and application blanks will be out by mail or delivered by a staff member.

In fact, "if you know how to register but are afraid, we have escorts to go with you", Forum President James Holley, advises.

Interest is now on registration, but, according to Dr. Holley, after the November election, persons who qualified to vote without paying the poll tax will be contacted during the 30-days prior to the state and local election to pay their poll taxes.

Complaint Filed

FBI to Investigate City Registration

By ROSS WEEKS JR. and BILL SAUDER

The civil rights division of the Department of Justice said today it has ordered a preliminary investigation into a complaint of racial discrimination in Richmond voter registration procedures.

A spokesman for the Justice Department said the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been asked to check out facts contained in the allegation.

"There is some indication of possible violation of federal law in terms of discrimination," the spokesman said.

Apparently the complaint was filed by the Richmond Crusade for Voters.

DETAILS WITHHELD

The Justice Department spokesman said he could not make public the source of the complaint—or the details of the allegations.

Spokesmen for the Crusade could not be reached by telephone for further details.

Meanwhile, the overwhelming number of voter registrants in the city has exhausted the supply of registration cards used by electoral officials. A hurry-up printing order has been made.

It has been the combination of this overwhelming number of registrants and the alleged slowness in processing them which is the basis for several Crusade for Voters complaints.

They and the NAACP have

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criticized local voter officials for not providing more places to register and for not increasing the number of personnel on hand to take care of registrants.

It was understood that some Crusade officials believe the pace of registration processing in Richmond has been purposely slowed, while in Henrico county it has been hastened. In Richmond, Negroes in large numbers are turning out to register. In Henrico, most of the thousands of new registrants are white.

It could not be learned whether this alleged combination of circumstances formed the basis for the Department of Justice complaint.

The department spokesman said he had no idea how long it would take to investigate the complaint or what ultimately might come of it.

CITY USE ONLY

The registration card which has been used up was the brainchild of City Registrar Vernon N. Davis and is used in Richmond alone.

Wilmer L. O'Flaherty, secretary of the City Electoral Board, explained the card's purpose.

"It's primarily used when a person has just reached his 21st birthday shortly before the election," said O'Flaherty.

Before the poll tax was thrown out as a prerequisite for voting in all federal elections, all voters were checked against the tax books on election day.

"But," O'Flaherty said, "if a person had just reached 21 he had not had to pay poll taxes, so his name wasn't on the tax books. So this card was thought up by Mr. Davis.

"A new voter could come to the polling place, have his name checked on the tax books and found missing, but show the card and get to vote without trouble."

CARDS BY MAIL

O'Flaherty explained that those registrants not receiving cards at time of registration will receive cards in the mail.

In other registration news, James W. Respess, independent candidate for the U. S. Senate, said here yesterday there is a concerted, statewide effort by the state's dominant Democratic organization to prevent voter registration.

Respess, an Arlington attorney, asserted that state law provides amply for local electoral boards to provide adequate registration facilities. He said Richmond's efforts were resulting in turning away of prospective registrants.

O'Flaherty, although he didn't comment directly on Respess' accusations, said that a second registration line was established yesterday at the East End branch postoffice.

"The additional line permits us to register twice as many people as we could with the single line," he said.

OFFICES BUSY

Registrar Davis was unavailable for comment on precise figures, but sources close to his offices said that "around 200" persons registered at the East End site yesterday and registration was also heavy at other offices.

Chief concern now is election day, when the new registrants will swamp polling places in a volume which threatens to overwhelm electoral officials.

O'Flaherty, said, however, that personnel will be added, some poling places might be changed to more spacious quarters, and other efforts will be made to speed the balloting process.

"I can assure you," he said, "that everyone who shows up at a polling place will get a chance to vote—if we have to stay until 10 o'clock to accomplish it."

BUS TO BE USED

Dr. William S. Thornton, chairman of the predominantly Negro Crusade for Voters, said yesterday that his group will transport would-be registrants by bus to registration sites less busy than those in Negro neighborhoods.

He denied reports that his group was planning "stand-ins" at predominantly white registration sites to protest lack of registration facilities for Negroes.

Registration statewide has been heavy for the November election—particularly in Tidewater, Northern Virginia and here in the Third congressional district—and Richmond has experienced a massive Negro registration.

Voter Complaint Probed by FBI

A spokesman for the Richmond office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said yesterday it has investigated a complaint of racial discrimination in voter registration procedures here.

He declined to disclose the nature of the complaint, its source or the results of the FBI inquiry.

"The facts of the matter have been ascertained by the FBI at the request of Mr. Burke Marshall, assistant attorney general, civil rights division, United States Department of Justice, and the results of the inquiry are being made available to the Department of Justice," the spokesman said.

Dr. William S. Thornton, chairman of the Crusade for Voters, said his organization had nothing to do with the complaint.

"I don't know anything about it," he said.

The Crusade, a Negro organization, has been active in the voter registration drive. Its officials have complained of cumbersome and slow registration procedures. But Thornton said he knew of no complaints of discrimination.

City Registrar Vernon N.

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FBI Probes Complaint Of Voters

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Davis said he didn't have "the slightest idea" of what the complaint involved. He said he has received no complaints of discrimination.

Efforts to reach Marshall in Washington were unsuccessful. A press officer said the department would have no comment about the complaint until it had analyzed the FBI report and decided whether to drop the matter or carry it to a grand jury.

Hundreds of persons have been registering daily in the Third congressional district since the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce opened a registration drive September 8.

On Monday, Davis opened five branch registration offices, which will stay open until 5:30 p.m. through the October 3 registration deadline.

Next Monday, Henrico county will open temporary voter registration offices in each of its magisterial districts — at Varina, Highland Springs, Douglas Freeman and Hermitage High Schools. They'll be open from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Registration sessions have already been held at Hermitage and Douglas Freeman schools.

FINANCIAL COPY

September 29, 1964

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PODIATRIST
206 EAST CLAY STREET
RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE 648-0131

Rec'd October 1, 1964

October 1, 1964

Dear Mr. Branton:

In answer to your inquiry of September 29, 1964, Mr. George A. Pannell is still directing our Voter Education Program here in the Third Congressional District.

I have since the start of this drive assisted Mr. Pannell in every way possible. Mr. Pannell, unfortunately, had a slight automobile accident and was unable to direct the campaign last week, and, I substituted for him. He is very much active again as your representative, Mr. John Due will attest.

Thanks for the commendation for the Crusade for Voters, and rest assured that our work will continue. We realize that we must do a big educational job on marking and casting of ballots, and this will be started immediately after the October third deadline for registration.

Sincerely yours

William S. Thornton

WST/mn

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Atlanta, Georgia

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October 7, 1964

Dr. W. S. Thornton, Chairman
Crusade for Voters
206 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Thornton:

Re VEP 4-44

We have received the invoice from the printer for the overprinting of your voucher checks. The invoice was in the following amount:

500 voucher checks	$32.55
Sales Tax	.98
TOTAL	$33.53

Rec'd 10-15-64

Will you kindly have a check written reimbursing the Voter Education Project in the above amount. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

Richmond Afro-American

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VOTER LIST AT PEAK

RICHMOND WELCOMES FIRST LADY — Some 5,000 President Johnson supporters turned out in Richmond last week to welcome the First Lady and daughter Lynda on their "Lady Bird Special" whistle-stop campaign tour of the South. Abroad the train are (left to right) Virginia's 3rd District Rep. J. Vaughan Gary, Gov. Albertis S. Harrison, Lynda Bird, Mrs. Johnson and Mayor M. M. Crowe. The AKA well wishers are Tommyzee Henderson, Mae Friend, Pat Robinson, Beatrice Phillips and Rhonda Goodman. (Henderson Photos)

29,000 registered in city

Since July in the city of Richmond, 17,380 persons have registered to vote. Of this number 11,033 are colored. This represents an all-time high, credited to the greatest voter-education effort ever conducted hereabouts.

In Henrico County, 9,513 were registered within the last 3 months including 603 colored residents.

In Chesterfield, the new figure was 7,834 with 800 being colored.

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THIS MAKES a total of 35,527 new white registered voters; and 12,436 colored.

Prior to this time, there were 18,355 colored persons registered in Richmond. Adding the new registrants, the total now is 29,388 for the city; and 33,255 for the Third Congressional District.

The overall Third District figure is about 171,000.

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CLINICS GIVING instruction in the proper marking of voter ballots will be set up in all the precinct areas as a regular pre-election project of the Crusade for Voters.

In addition, as is their usual custom, the Crusade for Voters and the Richmond branch NAACP will have an extensive get-out-the vote campaign.

Any person who has registered since 1950 is eligible to vote in the Nov. 3 election, whether or not he has paid any poll tax. But he must go to the polling place in the precinct where he voted previously, if he has not changed his address on the registration books.

Leaflets will be distributed by mail advising the citizenry where and when

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Two, seized with rifle on LBJ parade route, released

ASHVILLE, Tenn., (UPI)—Police chief Hubert
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when contacted Saturday through its New York office.

An unidentified spokesman asserted that the local company was unaware of the rumor, and declared that if any statement were to be made on Poitier's status, it would have to come from the Hollywood headquarters.

THE SPOKESMAN pointed out, however, that it was extremely doubtful that "anyone connected with this organization would have an official comment to make on a matter of such personal nature."

United Artists produced the film "Lilies of the Field" for which Poitier became the first Oscar winner in his portrayal of the itinerant GI "Homer." — SAM LACY

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gainst the civil rights bill. I don't agree with Senator Goldwater's vote, but I respect his right to vote against the bill on Constitutional grounds."

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REV. EDWARD ODOM NAACP's national church secretary, addressing the N.C. State NAACP Convention: "The moral difference between the Johnson and Goldwater philosophies is clear cut enough for American churchmen to take a firm stand for that candidate who stands for civil rights, government responsive to the needs of the people, and a sane approach to foreign affairs in a nuclear age Obviously, this is not Barry Goldwater."

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states new "Criminal conspiracy" law in connection with racial rioting which broke out at nearby McComb last month following the bombing of a colored neighbor's home. The group refused to enter a plea and the judge entered a plea of not guilty on their half.

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A LENGTHY argument between the federal courts and the Fulton County Superior Court Judge Durwood Pye as to two has jurisdiction over 20 Atlanta trespass cases probably will not be resolved until the Supreme Court decides this week wether the civil rights act is retroactive. Under the rights act the cases which grew out of demonstrations during the summer of 1963 at two Atlanta restaurants, should be tried in federal court. Judge Pyle maintains that this applies only to those cases which arose after the passage of the act.

The high court will hear cases asking it to apply the act retroactively to such things as sit - ins that were in violation of state trespass laws. Attorneys for the Atlanta sit - ins requested the Fifth Circuit Court to postpone a decision until then.

District Judge Boyd Sloan said if the Supreme Court rules that the act is retroactive, he will then decide whether or not the Georgia trespass law is constitutional, and whether it was constitutionally applied in these cases.

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IN INDIANOLA, Miss. 11 youths from the Council of Federated Organizations (COFO) were arrested in a rights test at a local cafe.

The group, two of them white, had been turned away from Weber's Cafe on U.S. Highway 82, by the manager and were arrested on charges of unlawful assembly and trespassing by police upon returning to their cars.

"These incidents show that in Mississippi the Civil Rights Act isn't worth the paper on which it is written," said John Harris, SNCC field secretary.

ONLY TWO of the initial six defendants remain as Montgomery, Ala. detective Jack Shows was dropped from a $200,000 damage suit charging false arrest.

The suit was initiated by civil rights worker John Robert Zellner, of Huntington College, who charged that Shows, Circuit Court Solicit[illegible] or W. F. Thetford, Record[illegible] Court Judge Eugene L[illegible] torney Maury Smith [illegible] George Wallace c[illegible] bring about his [illegible] prosecution. H[illegible] at Huntingt[illegible] with tr[illegible] and la[illegible]

erties Union charged last week that the exclusion of colored jurors and the judge's denial of a waiver of a jury trial deprived a white northern civil rights worker of her constitutional rights.

The ACLU filed a friend of court brief with the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit on behalf of Joni Rabinowitz, of New York.

"Since the defendant was a white northerner actively engaged in the Negro cause in the south, the likelihood that an all - white jury would be biased against her was so great that the failure to grant a waiver of jury trial was a deprivation of her constitutional rights," the brief maintained.

They asked that the rights worker's perjury conviction be reversed.

the candidacy of Barry Goldwater in a series of speeches in Newark Sunday.

Dr. King declared the defeat of Goldwater was important to the cause of race relations in America. All efforts should be made to make this defeat so resounding that no other candidate for the presidency will ever dare take this position again.

Up to this time, Dr. King declared, he has tried to follow a policy of not endorsing any candidate or taking too firm a position in partisan politics but he is changing that position in the current circumstance. He explained his change by declaring:

"Never in the history of our nation has a presidential candidate of blatantly taken a stand against the judo-Christian heritage for justice, [illegible] false its vicious head again."

HE FOLLOWED this theme in both local appearances, first speaking at the Military Park Hotel at a rally staged by hospital and nursing home workers who are waging a city-wide organizing campaign to raise the wages of these employees.

In addition to his denunciation of Goldwater he said in part:

"Your great organizing crusade to win union and human rights for New Jersey hospital workers is part and parcel of the struggle we are conducting in the Deep South.

"I am fully confident that your efforts will be successful in eliminating poverty [illegible] worker."

LATER IN the evening he delivered an address to a capacity audience at a $25 a plate dinner staged at the Terrace Ballroom by the Leaguers, Inc.

Dr. King's appearance was to assist the Leaguers in their campaign to raise funds to complete the construction of a permanent headquarters at Clinton Avenue and Girard Pl. in Newark.

The organization, which has assisted more than 5,000 high school students to obtain college and technical training during the past 15 years, plans to expand its program to provide remedial reading and tutorial service for students.

—92,000 registered

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the voter-instruction clinics will be held.

SINCE THE voter registration deadline passed last Saturday, upwards of 200 persons who were turned away when the offices closed, have field court petitions appearing for permission to register. These petitions were provided them by the NAACP.

Delighted with the overwhelming success of the voter registration campaign, the Crusade for Voters and the NAACP this week expressed prideful, appreciation to the ministers, P-TA groups, fraternals, social and civic clubs, and all others who so diligently suported the promotion.

E. L.Slade is Richmond NAACP preisdent; and George A. Pannell, president of the Crusade for Voters.

The Crusade for Voters will hold its regular monthly meeting at Slaughter's Hotel, Monday night, Oct. I want to congratulate your union — Local 1199 for charting a road for all of labor to follow - dedication to the cause of the underpaid and exploited workers in our nation.

CHARLES E. SUTTON, M.D.
(formerly of 118 E. Leigh St.)
Is pleased to announce that his office
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Rec'd 10/21/64 WB

DR. WILLIAM S. THORNTON
PODIATRIST
206 EAST CLAY STREET
RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE 648-0131

October 19, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton
5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Since October 3, 1964 the Crusade for Voters has been busy educating the 11,000 new voters that we have in the city, and the 1,500 in the counties of Henrico and Chesterfield. We have attempted to do this by wide distribution of the enclosed sample ballot. We have had clinics and have these leaflets given out at the churches, meetings of all kinds, PTA'S, and wherever people congregate. We are using radio, television and a sound truck to get people to these clinics.

After November 3, 1964 we have the problem of getting these 11,000 new voters to pay their poll taxes so that they will be able to vote in next year's gubernatorial election. This is indeed a big job. If we could hire a person to carry on this project we could get most of these people to pay their poll tax. I wonder if funds would be available for such a program from November 4th to the deadlin in May?

Heard that you were in town a few days ago. Sorry I did not get the opportunity to meet you.

Sincerely,

William S. Thornton

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Total	1470.00

I feel that five hundred dollars ($500.00) will permit us to bring this program to its conclusion on Friday, October 30, 1964.

Sincerely

William S. Thornton

VEP 4-44

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

JEAN LEVINE

DATE 10/31/64

As of 10/30/64 this project had an unaccounted balance of $568.56. I telephoned Dr. Thornton on 10/30/64 and told him that no further funds were available but that you were willing for them to use their $500/ balance for the conclusion of their program.

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WB — JMC

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#2 Sample Ballot

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CITY OF RICHMOND

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 1964

For United States Senator

(Vote for Not More Than One)

- [ ] HARRY F. BYRD
- [ ] RICHARD A. MAY
- [ ] J. B. BRAYMAN
- [ ] MILTON L. GREEN
- [ ] ROBERT E. POOLE, JR.
- [ ] JAMES W. RESPESS
- [ ] WILLIE T. WRIGHT

For the House of Representatives in Congress from the Third District

(Vote for Not More Than One)

- [ ] DAVID E. SATTERFIELD, III
- [ ] RICHARD D. OBENSHAIN
- [ ] EDWARD E. HADDOCK
- [ ] STANLEY SMITH, JR.

#3 Sample Ballot

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CITY OF RICHMOND

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 1964

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

QUESTION: Shall section twenty-eight of the Constitution of Virginia be amended so as to permit write-in voting in other than primary elections and to prescribe the manner in which ballots may be marked in such cases?

- [ ] FOR
- [ ] AGAINST

To be Sure Vote The Crusade For Voters Recommendations

IT's SIMPLE TO VOTE

1. GO TO THE PRECINCT WHERE YOU ARE REGISTERED (IF YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR PRECINCT, CALL THE REGISTRAR's OFFICE 649-5661).
2. Give the clerk your name and address. He will give you an official ballot.
3. Take the ballot into the voting booth and mark an "X" within the box [X] in front of the candidates of your choice. DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ELSE ON THE BALLOT. You may take a sample ballot into the voting booth with you.
4. Fold your ballot and give it to the clerk. Stand there until it is placed in the ballot box.

THAT's ALL TO IT.

If you mark the wrong candidate or otherwise mar the ballot, take the ruined ballot to the clerk and get another one.

If you have registered since 1950, you are qualified to vote November 3, 1964. BUT GO TO THE PRECINCT WHERE YOU ARE REGISTERED.

THE "X" MUST BE INSIDE THE BOX

THE RIGHT WAY TO MARK A BALLOT

THE WRONG WAY TO MARK A BALLOT

Sample Ballot

#1 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

OFFICIAL BALLOT

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CITY OF RICHMOND

GENERAL ELECTION

Tuesday, November 3, 1964

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

☐ **Democratic Party**

(Electors for LYNDON B. JOHNSON for President, and HUBERT H. HUMPHREY for Vice-President)

At Large.....CHARLES R. FENWICK
At Large.....WILLIAM W. JONES
1st District.....HOWARD H. ADAMS
2nd District.....EDWARD L. BREEDEN, JR.
3rd District.....DR. RUSSELL V. BOWERS
4th District.....N. G. HUTCHESON
5th District.....J. GARNETT DAVIS
6th District.....J. E. GENE TYLER
7th District.....CHARLES H. DAVIDSON, JR.
8th District.....RANDOLPH H. PERRY
9th District.....TOM B. FUGATE
10th District.....RALPH G. LOUK

☐ **Republican Party**

(Electors for BARRY M. GOLDWATER for President, and WILLIAM E. MILLER for Vice-President)

At Large.....FRANK GRAVELY
At Large.....WILLIAM A. QUICK
1st District.....MRS. JENNINGS RICH
2nd District.....B. B. LIPSCOMB
3rd District.....J. CALVITT CLARKE
4th District.....CHARLES E. HUNTER
5th District.....JOSEPH C. LUMPKIN
6th District.....E. D. HILTEN
7th District.....D. WAMPLER EARMAN
8th District.....ROBERT R. HARMON
9th District.....DAVID H. FRACKLETON
10th District.....CARL A. MARSHALL

☐ **Socialist Labor Party**

(Electors for ERIC HASS for President, and HENNING A. BLOMEN for Vice-President)

At Large.....MELVIN L. MAUCK
At Large.....ELIZABETH DORN
1st District.....EDWARD A. DORN
2nd District.....EDWARD SOLOMON
3rd District.....WILLIAM C. GRIGG
4th District.....ETHEL B. GALBRAITH
5th District.....WILLIAM H. WOODING
6th District.....WILLA H. OWENS
7th District.....URIAH McKENDALL WESTBROOK
8th District.....JOHN H. BACHELDER
9th District.....MARY BARHAM
10th District.....PHILLIP HARDING CATE

The Crusade For Voters

October 1964

Dear Voter:

Tuesday, November 3, 1964 is election day. This is a Federal Election. In this election, when you go to the polls, you will receive three (3) SEPARATE BALLOTS TO MARK:

1. You will receive a ballot to vote for the president of the United States. (See sample ballot marked "#1" on this page).

2. You will receive a ballot to vote for one United States Senator and one representative of the United States Congress. (See sample ballot marked "#2" on the back of this letter).

*3. You will receive a ballot to vote for a proposed constitutional amendment. (See sample ballot marked "#3" on the back of this page).

As in the past, your Crusade for Voters Research Committee will recommend to you (in the near future) the candidates we think will give Negroes the best value for their votes. OUR SLOGAN IS, A SOLID NEGRO VOTE AND THE BEST VALUE FOR OUR VOTE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin Gayles

Franklin Gayles, Chairman
Research Committee

George A. Pannell

George A. Pannell
President

William S. Thornton

William S. Thornton
Chairman of Board

*You will not receive ballot "#3" if your poll taxes are not paid.

See "It's Simple to Vote" on back page

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DR. WILLIAM S. THORNTON
PODIATRIST
206 EAST CLAY STREET
RICHMOND 19, VIRGINIA

TELEPHONE 648-0131

December 13, 1964

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Dear Mr. Branton:

Please excuse me for the delay in sending the financial report to you from the Richmond Crusade for Voters, but, I was waiting for a final telephone bill to come in.

Many thanks to you for the financial help that you gave us, making it possible for Richmond to have the greatest number of Negroes registered ever. It goes without saying that we will do everything possible to increase this number.

Again many thanks,

Sincerely

William S. Thornton

WST/mn

4-44

FINANCIAL

December 8, 1964

Dr. William S. Thornton
206 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-44

Dear Mr. Thornton:

According to our records, we have not received any financial accounting from you since October 30, at which time you had a balance on your VEP account of $568.56.

In your letter to me of October 19, you requested additional funds in support of a poll tax campaign following the November 3 election, and I had Mrs. Levine to phone you on October 30 to state that we could not send any additional funds, but that we would authorize you to use your balance in support of your program. We must, however, have an up-to-date financial reporting, and request that you send us this information immediately.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

November 24, 1964

Dr. William S. Thornton
206 E. Clay Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dr. Thornton:

Re VEP 4-44

As you know, the Voter Education Project is in its terminal phase. Our records indicate that we have received no financial reporting from your project since late October.

We must have a final report, together with a check for any unused portion of your grant, immediately, so that we can close our books on your project.

Sincerely,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jl

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M E M O R A N D U M December 24, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting VEP 4-44
(Crusade for Voters)

Grant:		$8000.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$1429.47	
Fix. & Equip.	30.00	
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Salaries	3,876.59	
Tel. & Tel.	179.70	
Trav. & Trans.	664.87	
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Overaccounted		($214.24)

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VOTE NOVEMBER 3, 1964

FOR PRESIDENT, SENATOR and CONGRESSMAN

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This has been used in a number of precincts JJ

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JAN 28 1964

January 27, 1964

Mr. Randolph Blackwell
5 Forsyth Ct.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Temporary organization of the third, fourth and fifth Congressional District effectuated in the Statewide Centennial Voter Registration Committee meeting held Sunday, January 26 at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina is as follows:

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RFD 1, Box 140
North Augusta, S. C.

Mrs. Dorothy Franklin, Sec., Pro Tem
P. O. Box 307
McCormick, S. C.

4th District: Mr. Harrison Reardon, Chairman Pro Tem
Box 2384
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Official Organ: The Crisis

March 24, 1964

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

RE: VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

I am submitting here a summary of last year's activity in the state of South Carolina, so far as the Voter Education Project is concerned. I rather suspect that there are some minor inaccuracies, and yet I have tried to supply sufficient background for an evaluation of the proposals that are before us.

There would seem to be many justifications for supporting the work that is proposed. These proposals argue more forcefully than I can the possibility of a statewide program that will have some life and operation long after our program is no longer in existence.

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

RTB:js

Negro Pop — 184,786

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

AREA	Charleston	Jasper, Hampton, Dorchester, Colleton	Clarendon	Charleston	Berkeley	Beauford, Allendale
Negro Potential 1962		60,751				
Previous VEP Drives	Chlston Cty VEP 6 mths	First Congressional District VEP conducted in all counties. 3 MTHS	CORE 6 mths		Chlston Cty 4 mths	
Numbers Registered	1447	1,336	217		565	
Cost of Drive	$2,802	$6,035				

New Proposal	First Congressional District Voter Education Project Mr. Billie Fleming
Time of Proposal	Four months
Cost of Proposal	Total cost . . . . . $6,000 Cost per month . . . . $1,500 Average per county . . $ 177
Proposed structure and present organization	One part-time area coordinator. Organization at the precinct.
Remarks	There is in this district one or two difficult counties, but even in those, we are beginning to get some serious organization. The plan and budget, I feel, are realistic, and reflect good leadership.

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that the budget be accepted as submitted.

Approved 4/2/64 — $6,000 for 4 mos at 1500 per mo.
WAB.

Negro Population 197,714

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

AREA	ORANGEBURG	SUMPTER	ORANGEBURG, RICHLAND, LEXINGTON, CALHOUN, BARNWELL, BAMBERG, AIKEN
Negro Potential 1962			69,234 Unregistered NVAP
Previous VEP Drives	SNCC 4 mths	CORE 12 mths	South Carolina Voter Education Project Seven Months
Numbers Registered			3,357
Cost of Drive	$800		$6,000
New Proposal			South Carolina Voter Project Dr. C. H. Thomas
Time of Proposal			Three months
Cost of Proposal			Total cost . . . . . $6,735 Cost per month . . . $2,265 Average cost per cty.$ 377
Proposed structure and present organization			Two area chairmen. Organization at the precinct level. Some block organization.
Remarks			This district has shown the greatest organizational development of the six. It has even held one workshop that dealt with the business of making the job of a precinct and block captain a year-round job. These people are more cooperative and sincere than any other in the state.

4/2/64 Approved 6,000 for 3 months

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that we accept the budget and plan as proposed.

Negro Population 78,313

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

AREA	Anderson	Saluda	Pickens	Oconee	Newberry	McCormic	Greenwood	Edgefield	Anderson	Abberville
Negro Potential 1962					30,211					
Previous VEP Drive	NAACP 1½ mth									
Number Registered	256									
Cost of Drive	$1,000									
New Proposal		Rfd 1, Box 140 North Augusta, S.C.			Third Congressional District Voter Education Project ~~Rev.~~ J. R. McCain, Chairman MR.					
Time of Proposal					Seven months					
Cost of Proposal					Total Cost . . . . . $6,100 Cost per month . . . . . $ 810 Average per county . . . . $ 90					
Proposed structure and Present organization					Two area chairman Organization at the county level					

RECOMMENDATION: I recommend that the budget and plan as submitted be accepted. While we have not done business with this group before, I have reason to expect that we will get favorable results.

Appr 5/1/64

3,000 for 3 mos.

Negro Population 94,401

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

AREA	Green-ville	Spartan-burg	Spartan-burg	Laurens	Green-ville
Negro Potential 1962	[illegible]		33,908		
Previous VEP Drives	NAACP 1½ mths	CORE 12 mths			
Numbers Registered	4,194	908			
Cost of Drive	$1,000				

New Proposal	Fourth Congressional District Voter Education Project Mr. Harrison Reardon, Chairman
Time of Proposal	No proposal
Cost of Proposal	No proposal
Proposed structure and organization	No proposal

REMARKS: There is very good county organization, but very poor coordination.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Because of the great potential and the very good local leadership, I recommend that we continue to try to effect an effective and strong district organization.

Negro population 90,733

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

AREA	York, Union, Lancaster, Hershaw, Fairfield, Chester-field, Chester, Cherokee
Negro Potential 1962	28,201
Previous VEP Drive	CORE TWELVE MONTHS
Numbers Registered	3,474
Cost of Drive	
New Proposal	Fifth Congressional District Voter Education Project Mr. R. H. Haile, Chairman Black Nec
Time of Proposal	Three months
Cost of Proposal	Total cost . . . . . $4,000 Cost per month . . . . $1,333 Average per county . . $ 190
Proposed structure and organization	One area chairman proposed. Weak county organization.
Remarks:	I don't like the plan that the district organization has set forth - the plan is too general.
Recommendations:	I recommend a grant of $2,200 with specific instructions that at least $1,400 must be spent in the counties.

Approved 4/13/64 for 3 mos beginning May 1

Negro Population 183,344

SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

AREA	Williams-burg	Marion	Marlboro	Lee	Horry	Florence	Georgetown	Dillion	Darlington
Negro Potential 1962	56,898								
Previous VEP Drive	CORE TWELVE MONTHS								
Number Registered	5,190								
Cost of Drive									
New Proposal	Sixth Congressional District Voter Education Project Dr. R. N. Beck, Chairman blank see								
Time of Proposal	Three months								
Cost of Proposal	Total cost . . . . . $7,300 Cost per month . . . . $2,400 Average per county $ 266								
Proposed structure and organization	Two area chairmen Organization at the county level Some precinct level organization								
REMARKS: Approved 4/13/64 6,000 for 3 mos begin May 1	This district has some of the best political leadership in the state. The Negro community of Georgetown county has more Negroes registered than whites.								

Sixth Congressional District
(continued)

RECOMMENDATIONS:	I would recommend a grant of $6,000 to the 6th Congressional District and $3,000 to CORE as a contribution to the salary to Brown and Robinson for their work in the 5th and 6th Congressional districts for three months.

SUMMARY

Total potential Negro vote in the state of South Carolina . . .279,203

Total number of Negro people registered 1963-1964 21,662

Total cost of programs for 1963-1964 17,635
(plus CORE)

Total cost of statewide program, excpeting four counties . . $30,035
(Fourth Congressional District)

May 1, 1964

Mr. Billie Fleming
Dr. C. H. Thomas, Jr.
Mr. R. H. Bailey
Dr. R. H. Beck
Mr. J. R. McCain
Mr. Harrison Bearden

Dear Sirs:

As you know, the Voter Education Project has launched the most concentrated voter registration program in South Carolina than we have in any other State. Grants to congressional district organizations have already been approved and initial payments made in the First, Second, Fifth and Sixth Districts. We have just this morning received the necessary information to approve a grant for the Third District and we are yet awaiting the required information from the Fourth District.

Most of these programs will be supported for a period of three months and any continuation beyond that time will depend on 1) satisfactory progress and results, 2) cooperation with VEP's requirements, and 3) available finance. Since there is no guarantee that this program will be continued beyond the three-months period, I strongly urge each of you to make maximum use of your grant during this time, as your own performance may be required to support our decision in giving you this kind of support to say nothing of continuing it. It is my understanding that you will have several days of registration during the month of May and it would seem to me that special efforts should be made to get people registered during this period.

File
S.C. Statewide

We are counting on each of you to help us prove that there are dedicated people in the South who, with a little help, can do much to improve their own conditions and if there is anything further that any of you feel that VEP can do in support of your program, then please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

May 8, 1964

Dr. C. H. Thomas, Jr.
Box 477 County Voters League
900 Central Colleges
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Just a brief note to remind you of the meeting of the South Carolina Congressional District chairmen May 9, 1964, 7 p. m., at Faith Hall, Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina.

Your presence is desired and very much needed.

Yours truly,

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

RTB:js

Same letter also sent to:

Mr. Billie Fleming, Manning, S. C.
Dr. R. N. Beck, Florence, S. C.
Mr. R. H. Baile, Camden, So C.
Rev. S. L. McCain, North Augusta, S. C.
Mr. Harrison Rearden, Greenville, S. C.

S.C. Voters

WB — BW JDC

May 20, 1964

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Wiley A. Branton
From: Randolph T. Blackwell
Re: South Carolina Leadership Meeting

May 9, 1964, I met with the six congressional district leaders of the state of South Carolina. This was a special meeting called for the purpose of planning a statewide political meeting. It was felt by the group that the time was right for them to do something to call attention to the fact that the Negro vote in the state was a factor to be considered, and that if something was not done by the group, some nondescript group would certainly do something, and possibly make statements that would not be to the best interest of the Negro people.

The group decided that a mass rally should be held on the evening of May 30, and that two sessions should also be held in the early afternoon. One of the afternoon sessions would be attended by Negro candidates and office holders, so as to compare experiences and discuss problems. It was to be hoped that out of such a meeting, a formal branch of the South Carolina Voter Education Project could be put together. This group would serve as a kind of ongoing tutorial body for future candidates.

It was also felt that all of the county and congressional district leaders need to get together and address themselves to the question of, "What after the Southern Regional Council's VEP goes out of existence?" This question and other matters were to be the chief concerns in the afternoon session.

The group decided that a real effort should be made to swell the group in attendance from communities other than the city of Columbia, where the meeting is to be held. The group set a budget of $500 for the meeting, with the hope that VEP would contribute something to this cost.

As I looked at the group, I felt that I could see some of just about everything that VEP has encountered. Effective and ineffective leadership, devoted impersonal leadership, and some personal interest leadership, fear, ignorance, etc.

It now appears that the South Carolina Voter Education Project will be the best thing that will be left when our operation no longer exists. It should therefore be made the subject of serious research scrutiny.

Randolph T. Blackwell

RTB:js

MAY 28 1964

S. C. State College
Box 1778
Orangeburg, South Carolina
May 27, 1964

COPY

Mr. Billie S. Fleming
Mr. James W. McPherson
Rev. S. L. McCain
Mr. Harrison Rearden
Mr. R. H. Haile, Jr.
Dr. R. N. Beck

Dear Sirs:

This is a final and fervent appeal to you to do all within your might to have as large delegation possible to attend the first State Conference of the South Carolina Voter Education Project Meeting, Saturday, May 30 at Zion Baptist Church in Columbia.

The people in the several Congressional Districts are looking to us for positive leadership in connection with the up-coming election on June 9. Let us not fail them.

By this time you have your Program in hand. Strive to be on time.

Civically yours,

Charles H. Thomas, Jr., Chairman
S. C. Voter Education Project

CC: I. DeQuincey Newman
R. C. Blackwell
Charlie Sam Daniel
Rev. Jesse Walker

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Convening
May 30, 1964

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801 WASHINGTON STREET
COLUMBIA , S. C.

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Statewide

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

The South Carolina Voter Education Project expresses appreciation to all who have in any way contributed to the successful development of this association.

A special word of appreciation is due the Congress of Racial Equality, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Leaders and representatives of the two national political parties have also contributed, and are due words of appreciation.

A very special word of appreciation is due the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council. It has been the VEP staff and financial grants that have made it possible for the South Carolina Project to survive its infant stage.

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R. T. Blackwell, Presiding

Open to Special Invitees and Those
Individuals Who Are Or Have Been
Candidates for Public Office in 1964

4:00 P. M.

* Dinner
  Mr. Moses Reddick, Speaker

* Discussion
  Evaluation of Experiences - Problem Solving

* Formal Organization

6:00 P. M. RECESS

Leroy E. Brown

Elected to Beauford County
Board of Directors

Willis Gardner

John White

Appointed Beauford County
School Trustees

This session will be held in the dining room of the Town and Tourist Motel, 1230 Harden Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

CONFERENCE OF COUNTY AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CHAIRMEN AND OBSERVERS

Dr. Charles S. Thomas, Presiding

4:30 P. M.

* Evaluation of South Carolina candidates for the national Congress

Discussion Leaders

Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman
Mrs. Modjeska M. Simkins
Mr. William Kirkland

6:00 P. M.

* Future Plans of the South Carolina Voter Education Project

* Appointment of Committee

  Executive
  Constitutional
  Finance

* Resolutions

7:00 P. M. RECESS

CANDIDATES

State Legislature

Harold R. Boulware

W. McKinley Bowman

A. Manigault Hurley

Mattie L. James

Ben J. Mack

Wilson Miles

H. D. Monteith

J. W. Mungin

Hemphill P. Pride II

A. P. Williams

Donald J. Sampson

James Sulton

School Trustee

Harriet G. Liverman R. Rebecca Monteith Joseph Stroy

City Council

R. H. Haile R. J. Palmer

PUBLIC MEETING

May 30, 1964 - 7:30 P. M.

Dr. Charles Thomas, Presiding

Song Session

Devotional

Special Music

The Occasion

Report of the Six District Leaders

Music

Introduction of Speaker . . . . . Atty. Matthew Perry

Address . . . . . Sen. Leroy Johnson

Collection

Resolution . . . . . Rev. Matthew McCollum

"WE SHALL OVERCOME"

Benediction

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JUN 8 - 1964

THE FIRST STATE CONFERENCE
OF
THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
4:30 p.m. session

Conference of County and Congressional District Chairmen and Observers

The session of County and Congressional District Chairmen and Observers, Dr. C. H. Thomas, Jr., presiding, was closed to the general public and the press. This was necessary because in this session an evaluation was made of South Carolina candidates for the national Congress. The discussion leaders were Rev. I Dequincey Newman, Mrs. Mojeska M. Simkins, and Mr. Wilburn Hobby. The conference was well attended and the delegates were from all six of S. C. Congressional districts.

A Run Down on the 1964 Congressional Races

First Congressional District

Mendel Rivers, he has no opposition in either the Democratic primary or the General Election in November. Regret was expressed that Rivers has no opposition. It was felt that enough Negroes are registered in the 1st. district to defeat him.

Second Congressional District

Albert Watson, has no opposition in the Democratic Primary or the General Election in November. However, Congressional District 2 is having a follow up meeting 4:00 p.m. Saturday June 6, Feith Hall, Allen University, Columbia to consider among other things calling for a write in candidate to show opposition to Mr. Watson.

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Non-VEP supported

Third Congressional District

Yes, T. M. Tucker of Calhoun Falls is opposing W. J. Bryan Dorn of Greenwood in the Democratic Primary. According to the Greenville News report, Dorn's counsin said Dorn had deserted the Demorcratic Party. There is no Republican opposition in the General Election.

The evaluation came out in favor of supporting T. M. Tucker.

Fourth Congressional District

Gordon Weathers is opposing Robert Ashmore in the Democratic Primary. No Republicans has filed for election in the November Election.

Gordon Weathers was favored over Ashmore.

Fifth Congressional District

Congressman Robert Hemphill has been appointed Federal Judge and is not seeking re-election. The nominees in the Democratic Primary are:

State Representatives J. Bate Harvey (yes)
Solicitor George Coleman
Attorney Tom Gettys
Harold Hough

In November Republican Robert Doster of Lancaster will run against the winner of the Democratic Primary.

The evaluation pointed up reason to support J. Bate Harvey in the 5th.

Sixth Congressional District

John L. McMillian has no opposition in the Democratic Primary. Republican E. R. Kirkland will oppose him in the November General Election.

The Future Plans of South Carolina Voter Education Project

There is little doubt that the future of voter Education in South Carolina will NOT end when the present financial assistance is withdrawn. The future plans of the South Carolina Voter Education Project rests in the hands of an executive committee. The Conference voted without a desent that the present officers of the six congressional districts are executive committee. However a follower up meeting was called for Congressional District #2 Saturday June 6 at which time that district will be reorganized with a serious look at obtaining a chairman for that district (Dr. Thomas, the state chairman, had been in effect serving as chairman of district 2. This is too much responsibility for an already over-worked individual).

The executive committee will be called into session soon after the June 9 Primary. This committee will then consider a constitutional committee and a financial committee. The executive committee held a very short meeting Saturday May 30 and came to a quick belief that to continue the organization an annual budject of 25 to 40 thousand dollars must be provided and therefore a financial committee is a must.

The Resolutions committee presented to the final general meeting, which was public and open to the press, several outstanding resolutions. One of which expresses a very special word of appreciation to the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council. The resolution claimed that it has been the VEP staff and financial grants that have made it possible for the South Carolina Project to survive its infant stage.

Summary Statement

Negro Voters should stand together with Labor. There are no state wide races in 1964. The Congressional races were discussed and Congressional Candidates were evaluated. There are elections in every county of the state. All members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have to stand for election in the June Primary, in some counties there is Republican opposition so this means they will also have to stand for election in the General Election in November. One half of the State Senators have to stand for election (re-election) in the Democratic Primary in June. Some of these will also have Republican opposition and will have to stand for election in the November election. The Central Labor Union and the Local Unions in the counties where there are races are at the present time interviewing the candidates for office, and we will give Negro Voters the results of these interviews in the near future before the Democratic Primary and the General Election. The group expressed too little satisfaction with present members in Congress from S. C. and asked that our efforts be directed in the future to elect men who will support issues whereby Labor unions and Negroes will best profit. Presently, the 3rd and 5th Congressional districts can best benefit from the efforts of Negro Voters. Future plans of S. C. Voter Education Project rests with an executive committee.

P. O. Box 1778
S. C. State College
Orangeburg
C. H. Thomas, Jr
Orangeburg, S.C.
6/4/64

Copy Aiken County's Supplementary Report for May, 1964

AIKEN COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
REGISTRANTS FOR APRIL - MAY 1964

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154.	James Marshell	507 Washington Circle, Aiken	33958
155.	Maire Gomillion	443 Pendleton St., Aiken	33960
156.	Susie Mae Landy	692 Horry St., Aiken	33809
157.	Maggie Brunson	692Horry St., Aiken	33973
158.	Izara Rose	240 Berkley St., Aiken	33813
159.	Milton Williams	Rte. 2, Box 74, Aiken	33816
160.	Mahalia O. Williams	Rte. 2, Box 74, Aiken	33978
161.	Eola M. Baker	Rte. 3, Box 463, Aiken	33981
162.	Robert Morgan	722 Kershaw St., Aiken	18229*
163.	Lillie Mae Morgan	722 Kweshaw St., Aiken	33982
164.	Martha Jackson	Gen. Del., Graniteville	33983
165.	Jerry Johnson	6 Church St., Graniteville	33984
166.	Johnnie Owens	6 Church St., Graniteville	33985
167.	John H. Bush	P. O. Box 749, Bath	33986
168.	Daisy M. Copeland	Gen. Del., Graniteville	33996
169.	John Ella Salley	Gen. Del., Graniteville	33999
170.	Onnie McNell	Gen. Del., Graniteville	34000
171.	Walter Jerguson	P. O. Box 232, Graniteville	34010
172.	Lee Walker	Rte. 1, Box 99, Aiken	34011
173.	Sadie M. Scott	Rte. 2, Box 208, Aiken	34018
174.	Cthel G. Holloway	316 Abbeville Ave. N.E., Aiken	33834
175.	Jeanette McFadden	536 Fairfield St. N.E., Aiken	34023
176.	Anna L. Grant	356 Fairfield St. N.E., Aiken	34034
177.	Flora B. Holloway	316 Abbwville Ave. N.W. Aiken	34035
178.	Edna Butler	Gen. Del., Langley	
179.	Ruby Davenport	Gen. Del., Langley	33844
180.	Arthur Ashmore	Gen. Del., Bath	33845
181.	Annie Sexton	811 Pinecrest Ave. N.W., Aiken	34039
182.	Vergree Mason	Rte. 3, Box 329, Aiken	34040
183.	Olin Mason	Rte. 3, Box 329, Aiken	33847
184.	Myrtle J. Burton	738 Washington Circle, Aiken	34041
185.	Josephine Moment	Rte 1, Box 503, Warrenville	33848
186.	William Miller	Box 314, Graniteville	33850
187.	Ora Bell Johnson	Gen. Del., Graniteville	34051
188.	Estella Jackson	Gen. Del., Graniteville	33851
189.	Josie L. Green	Rte. 5, Box 431, Aiken	29025*
190.	Adline Johnson	Rte. 1, Box 61, Graniteville	34511
191.	L. D. Stallings	Rte. 5, Box 371, Aiken	34122
192.	Alberta Abney	Rte. 1, Box 497, Aiken	34125
193.	Annie Bell Stallings	Rte. 5, Box 371, Aiken	34512
194.	Ida Mae McCorkle	Rte. 1, Box 117, Jackson	34121
195.	Robert L. McCorkle	Rte. 1, Box 117, Jackson	34513
196.	Robert McCullough	627 Washington Circle, Aiken	34514
197.	Francis Geiter	Rte. 1, Box 267, Warrenville	34236
198.	David Settles Jr.	428 Florence St.N.E. Aiken	34238
199.	Annie Lee Hightower	719 Hampton Ave. N.W. Aiken	34239
200.	David Hightower	719 Hampton Ave. N. W. Aiken	34118
201.	Elex Corley	Graniteville	34510
202.	Moses Brown	Graniteville	30342*
203.	Josephine Green	Rte. 5, Box 431, Aiken	29024*
204.	Josie Bell Dingle	Rte. 1, Box 68, Warrenville	34127
205.	James Hankerison	Rte. 1, Box 468, Aiken	34521
206.	Elizabetb Hankerson	Rte 1, Box 468, Aiken,	34522
206.	Carrie Hankenson	Rte. 1, Box 468, Aiken	34254
207.	Marvin Brown	449 Union St. N. E.	34525
208.	Claciie A. Hollingsworth	457 Union St. N. E.	34256
209.	Charlie Quattlebaum	449 Union St. N. E.	34137

AIKEN COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT
REGISTRANTS FOR APRIL - MAY 1964

210.	Esther Johnson	Rte. 1, Box 207, N. Ellenton	34264
211.	Amy D. Williams	420 Union St. N.E. Aiken	34257
212.	Jessie Lee Brown	Rte. 1, Box 469, Aiken	34147
213.	Mary Ellen Dicks	Rte. 1, Box 307, Aiken	34533
214.	Levtious Bryant	Rte. 5, Box 324, Aiken	24289*
215.	Louise Dicks	303 Sumter St. N.E., Aiken	34536
216.	Mary Ellen Corley	650 Carver Terrace, Aiken	34537
217.	Northern Smith	278 East Boundary, Aiken	34156
218.	Annie Bell Paige	421 Abbeville Ave. N.E. Aiken	34540
219.	David Paige	421 Abbeville Ave. N.E. Aiken	34157
220.	Lona Bell Hammonds	Graniteville	
221.	Eddie Corley	Graniteville	34541
222.	Charles E. Howard	256 Williamsburg St.N.E. Aiken	34159
223.	Alma Howard	256 Williamsburg St. N.E. Aiken	34158
224.	Hattie Mae Fells	Horry St. Aiken	34160
225.	Louise Folks	512 Kershaw St. N. R. Aiken	34542
226.	Emily Williams	Rte. 1, Box 388, Aiken	34162
227.	Burness Bachsdale	422 Florence St. N.W. Aiken	34550

Previous 815
This report 74
Total to date 889
May 19, 1964

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July 7, 1964

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Barbara I. Whitaker

Subject: Questions Re South Carolina Projects

1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 districts have not supplied us with names and addresses of county chairmen. (Names on attached list were obtained from a number of sources and in some instances, are county officers.)

Williamsburg County (Kingstree) has an interesting history of voter registration, so I am told. One report mentions a suit to "secure voting rights." This should be valuable information for our files.

What efforts are made to educate rejected applicants, and to encourage them to reapply?

In working with tenant farmers, what techniques are utilized in encouraging application for registration? Some reports mention fear of eviction as deterrent.

Letter to Frank Robinson requesting source of figures reported monthly on 5th and 6th districts still unanswered.

Could we request monthly reports from field workers in all districts on activities?

Do participants actually feel that they have the necessary structure for developing into a sound state organization? Or is activity still geared to county-wide or district programs?

Was the increase in Negro registration significantly influential in recent primaries?

What do participants see as major problem(s) at this point in their existence?

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16 W. Calhoun
775-1171
Tommy Hospital
Ted Post

Contacts - South Carolina Congressional Districts

1st:

County

Allendale	J. Fields P. O. Box 195 Allendale	George Thompson P. O. Box 41 Allendale - 584-2991
Beaufort	A. J. Brown St. Helena	Mrs. Frieda Mitchell Route 1, Box 108-A Seabrook 846-8311
Berkeley	Rev. Samuel Weigfall	
Charleston	Monck's Corner Esau Jenkins 244 Spring Street Charleston RA 2-9621	Mrs. Barnwell 41 Cannon St
Clarendon	Billie Fleming * - Fleming Funeral Home 502 W. Boyce Manning 435-9945	
Colleton	Rev. Matthew McCollum 303 Verdier Street Walterboro 549-2077	
Dorchester	Lewis H. Simmons P. O. Box 371 Summerville	
Hampton	Rev. J. H. Hosey Rte 1, Box 133 Garnett 625-3517	
Jasper	Vanuel Mitchell P. O. Box 385 Ridgeland	

2nd:

Aiken	Rev. A. W. Holman Aiken	111 Rerdhow SE M19-4726
Bamberg	-	
Barnwell	Joseph Lewis 314 Mill Street, Williston 4404	

Calhoun	Mr.Hope Williams	360 Turner Hall
Lexington	Mrs. Lula Kenyson P. O. Box 283 Swanson 3181	
Orangeburg	J. W. McPherson 496 Middleton Street, S. E. Orangeburg	Dr. C.H. Thomas S.C. State College ~~Home~~ Orangeburg - JE4-5313
Richland	Rev. I. DeQ. Newman * 919½ Washington St. Columbia AL6-4356	Benjamin Mack 5248 Ridgeway Street Columbia I.S. LEEVY 1831 Taylor St. Columbia, S.C. AL3-7036
Sumter	W. E. Brown 325 Bartlet Street Sumter 773-2145	Frank Robinson 17 Robinson Street Sumter 773-6362

3rd:

Abbeville	-	
Anderson	- Richard Rice Reid Street	
Edgefield, N.C.	Rev. S. L. McCain * Rte 1, Box 140 N. Augusta 663-3849	J.R. McCain - (803) ~~[illegible]~~ Branchville
Greenwood	-	
McCormick	-	
Newberry	-	
Oconee	-	
Pickens	-	
Saluda	-	

Matthew Perry
252-7278
1107½ Washington St.
Assembly - Rt.
2 block to
Washington
Tuesdt.
Court's

4th:

Greenville	Harrison Rearden * 625 Old Augusta Road Greenville 277-4218	803 CE2-5377
Laurens	-	
Spartanburg	-	

Mr. Francis Kirkwood
432-6733
2208 Pickett

5th:

Cherokee	-	
Chester	-	
Chesterfield	-	
Fairfield	E. W. Glenn Route 1, Box 141 Winnsboro 8356	Elliot Harris 405 Cemetery Street Winnsboro 7487 Mrs Mary Martin Winnsboro
Kershaw	R. H. Haile, Jr. * 1313 Campbell Street Camden HE 2-2511	F. B. Drakeford Route 1, Box 26 Camden 432-3926
Lancaster	-	
Union	-	
York	-	

6th -

Darlington	Mr. S. T. Graham Route 3, Box 234 Hartsville	
Dillon	Rev. J. W. Robinson 202 W. Jackson Dillon	Dr. Geo. Wilson Valerie - friend & Cynthia Stone (Evelin)
Florence	Mr. Jonas Deas 512 S. Kemp Street Florence	Dr. R. N. Beck * 403 N. Dargan Street Florence - off - 662-3102 Res 662-3013
Georgetown	Mr. Alex Alford Merriman Road Georgetown	
Horry	Dr. P. C. Kelly Conway 249-8841	Lgt to Doggin Lgt 1 block.
Lee	Mr. Henry Isaac General Delivery Elliot	
Marion	James A. Hodges Route 2, Box 70 Mullins 464-7112	

Marlboro	Atty F. E. Cain 203 W. Market Bennettsville
Wmsburg	Rev. S. A. Gadsden 319 W. Main Street Kingstree

July 24, 1964

Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman
Field Secretary
South Carolina State Conference, NAACP
919½ Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Rev. Newman:

I am afraid that I will not be able to meet with the Executive Committee of the statewide South Carolina Voter Education Project Saturday evening in Columbia, but I appreciate the invitation.

I feel fairly certain that VEP will be able to give continued financial support to the First, Second, and Sixth Congressional Districts through the October 5 deadline for registration for voting in the November General Election. We made a grant to the Fourth Congressional District for a three-month program which they delayed until July 1, and, therefore, they should be able to go through October 5 with ther existing grant. I have just sent Mr. John Due of the staff to talk with Rev. J. R. McCain in the Third Congressional District, as there are some things which cause me to doubt the effectiveness of that program. Unless the the Fifth District comes through with significant indications of improvement, then we will not be able to even complete payment of the grant previously approved for them.

With evey good wish for a successful program, I am

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

cc: Dr. C. H. Thomas

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET • NEW YORK 18, N. Y. • BRyant 9-1400

Please reply to:

South Carolina State Conference, NAACP
919½ Washington Street
Columbia, South Carolina
Telephone AL 6-4356-7

July 22, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street N.W. Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

A joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Finance Committee of our state-wide Voter Education Program will be held Saturday, July 25 at the Town & Tourist Motel in Columbia. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m. o'clock.

Dr. C. H. Thomas, our state chairman, thinks it is a good idea to extend to you our invitation to attend the meeting. I feel sure that there is much you could share with us in terms of advise based on your experiences.

The purpose of the meeting is to plan for financial support for the state project after the south-wide project shall have been discontinued. We feel that this great work begun by you should by all means be projected into the future and as long as the need remains.

With highest esteem, I remain

Cordially yours,

I. DeQuincey Newman
Field Secretary

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AUG 3 1964

Box 1778, S. C. State College
Orangeburg, South Carolina
July 31, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director, V.E.P.
Room 206
5 Forsyth St. N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Recently we (Executive Committee of Future S. C. V. E. P.) have had an unusual number of meetings in Columbia, S. C. Previously, you have been notified through minutes of our state wide meeting that the future of S. C. V. E. P. rests in the hands of an executive committee of which I am the chairman. We have had an unusual number of meetings which seemed necessary to divise plans by which we can keep V. E. P. alive in S. C. after you discontinue your financial support.

Our executive committee is made up of the six Congressional District Chairmen, myself, Mr. J. W. Palmer, and Mr. J. A. Brown. The executive committee appointed a financial committee made up of the executive committee, and other members of each district, plus three members at large. The financial committee's chairman is Mr. Billie S. Fleming, of Manning. The financial committee in turn appointed a budget committee and this committee's chairman is Mr. J. W. Palmer of Sumter. Next appointed by the executive committee was a constitution committee and its chairman is Mr. R. H. Haile of Camden. This background information should serve to explain why the excessive meetings in Columbia which were well attended by district chairmen acting in capacity of executive committee, finance and/or constitution. It should also serve as an introduction to the other parts of this letter.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter written to Dr. Robert Stone of New York, making a request for $4,500 and also an extra $3,000. This letter to Dr. Stone suggests to you that we have gone on record as approving the continuance of the S. C. V. E. P. The enclosed budget gives you an idea of how we expect to finance ourselves along with any grants we are able to obtain. The budget as outlined to Dr. Stone in his letter and also the budget to the counties are for the State V. E. P. Office only, and the cost to the counties will be separate. Counties have virtually agreed to raise their share of the money on or before October 25, 1964.

Last night in a meeting in Columbia, Rev. Herbert Nelson (referred to in Dr. Stone's letter) informed us that Dr. Stone's group had informed him that we had been given a grant of $4,500, for immediate release to us and had taken under advisement our request for the added $3,000. On the basis

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then of our first grant of $4,500, we decided last night to go ahead with our plan for our state V.E.P. Office. We have secured office space at 2022 Taylor Street in Columbia.

In addition to above grant Mr. John Gibson, Field Secretary for Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has notified us that they will pay the full salary of Mr. Ben J. Mack and Mrs. Dorothy Robinson to work out of our Columbia office to set up Community Schools to work with us on Voter Education. The office is to open September 1, according to plans.

In addition to informing you of our apparent success with the future of S. C. V. E. P., this letter also comes to you making a request that you consider our plans, budgets, etc., and make to our State Project a grant. Naturally, as much as you can grant us will be to our advantage. What you have done could take greater meaning should you find yourself in position to make our State Project a grant. Since you know our plans and conditions, we leave the amount to your better judgment. Please inform us at your earliest possible convenience of your decision regarding our request.

Please make any comments regarding our efforts favorable and/or otherwise.

The church groups do not wish any publicity regarding their grant at this time since they fear other church groups might feel embarrassed. You will therefore, please treat information herein in a professional, as near as possible, confidential nature.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in helping us hold V. E. P. together in S. C. after October when your program might end.

Sincerely,

C. H. Thomas Jr.

C. H. Thomas, Jr.

CHT:pj

Encl: 2

cc: Mr. Billie S. Fleming,
Chairman of Finance Committee

P. O. Box 1574
S. C. State College
Orangeburg, South Carolina
July 29, 1964

Dr. Robert Stone
Commission on Religion and Race
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Stone:

The following is a summation of facts, and policy statement presented at the meeting which you attended in Columbia, July 28.

A. Those attending the meeting:

a. Charles H. Thomas, Chairman, S. C. Voter Education Project.

b. Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman, Secretary S. C. Voter Education Project and NAACP Field Secretary for South Carolina.

c. Rev. J. Hertert Nelson, Treasurer S. C. Voter Education Project, and Chairman Commission on Religion and Race Atlantic Synod, United Presbyterian Church.

d. Mr. J. Arthur Brown, President S. C. Conference, NAACP and Member of Finance Committee S. C. Voter Education Project.

e. Mr. Ben J. Mack, Voter Education Specialist for South Christian Leadership Conference.

f. Mr. John Gibson, Field Secretary for Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

g. Matthew J. Perry, Esq., Counsel for S. C. Conference NAACP, a Vice-President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

h. Dr. Robert Stone, General Secretary Commission on Religion and Race, United Presbyterian Church.

B. The South Carolina Voter Education Project is a State-wide organization having all Congressional Districts organized, a majority of Counties and many Precincts organized for an intensive Voter Education Program. This organization will continue the work begun in South Carolina by the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council.

C. 40,000 new registered voters have been added on the books in South Carolina by the Voter Education Project over the past 23 months.

South Carolina Negroes have a vote potential of over 400,000. To date 160,000 Negroes have been registered.

244,104
127,000
371,104

D. To fulfill this important ministry of voter education, a central office with a full time field director and clerical help should be maintained.

E. The South Carolina V.E.P. has adopted a budget as follows:

$240.00	Postage and expressage
300.00	Office supplies
1200.00	Telephone
2400.00	Office Secretary
600.00	Rent & Utilities
1000.00	Office equipment
1000.00	Miscellaneous
5200.00	Salary of Field Director
1500.00	Travel for Field Director
$13,440.00	Total

F. The Commission on Religion and Race of the United Presbyterian Church is being asked for the sum of $4,500.

In light of the above listed budget, we reason that we will need additional funds if we are going to get the important voter registration job done.

You may rest assured that funds are greatly needed in this area. In the last general election it was the Negro vote which kept South Carolina and Georgia in the Democratic Solumn for the late President Kennedy. In view of the last Republican Convention and its platform it is going to be a tremendous task to overcome the influence of the John Birchers, KKK, Democrats for Goldwater, White Citizens Councils, and others. It is imperative that we get more people registered to safeguard the Southeast from calamity. Therefore, we are further requesting an emergency grant of $3,000. minimum to help undergird this very earnest effort.

G. The balance of what is needed to augment the V.E.P. budget in South Carolina will be prorated to the Congressional District organization

which in turn will give their respective Counties a prorate share.

H. Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, Chairman of the Commission on Religion and Race of the Atlantic Synod occupies a position of leadership and influence in the South Caolina Voter Education Project as its treasurer and as a member of its executive committee.

I. Organizations Cooperating with the South Carolina Voter Education Project thus far are:

The S. C. Conference, NAACP
The A. M. E. Church
United Presbyterian Church, Atlantic Synod
Board of Christian Social Concerns, S. C. Conference, the Methodist Church
Southern Christian Leadership Conference

J. The Congressional District chairmen of the South Carolina Voter Education Project are:

1st - Mr. Billie S. Fleming, Manning
2nd - Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman, Columbia
3rd - Rev. S. L. McCain, N. Augusta
4th - Mr. Harrison Rearden, Greenville
5th - Mr. R. H. Haile, Camden
6th - Dr. R. N. Beck, Florence

K. The State V.E.P. office will be located at 2022 Taylor Street in Columbia.

L. It is desired that operation of the office begin September 1, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

J. Herbert Nelson, Chairman
Atlantic Synod's C.O. R. R.

1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT - NON-WHITE POP. - APPORTIONMENT

Allendale	County	7,169	103.00	
Beaufort	"	17,158	248.00	
Berkeley	"	18,981	275.00	
Charleston	"	78,911	1,114.00	
Clarendon	"	20,154	292.00	
Colleton	"	14,226	206.00	
Dorchester	"	11,943	173.00	
Hampton	"	9,400	136.00	
Jasper	"	7,633	110.00	$ 2,657.00

2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Aiken	County	21,391	310.00	
Bamberg	"	9,079	131.00	
Barnwell	"	7,666	110.00	
Calhoun	"	8,232	119.00	
Lexington	"	10,504	152.00	
Orangeburg	"	41,221	597.00	
Richland	"	65,175	945.00	
Sumter	"	35,151	509.00	2,874.00

3rd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Abbeville	County	6,854	148.00	
Anderson	"	19,242	279.00	
Edgefield	"	9,154	132.00	
Greenwood	"	13,119	190.00	
McCormick	"	5,330	77.00	
Newberry	"	10,437	151.00	
Oconee	"	4,283	62.00	
Pickens	"	4,642	67.00	
Saluda	"	5,350	77.00	1,183.00

4th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Greenville	County	36,978	536.00	
Laurens	"	14,039	203.00	
Spartanburg	"	34,729	503.00	1,242.00

5th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Cherokee	County	7,440	107.00	
Chester	"	12,378	179.00	
Chesterfield	"	12,504	181.00	
Fairfield	"	12,328	178.00	
Kershaw	"	13,366	193.00	
Lancaster	"	10,617	153.00	
Union	"	8,887	128.00	
York	"	22,554	327.00	1,446.00

6th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Darlington	County	23,496	340.00	
Dillon	"	14,218	206.00	
Florence	"	36,467	528.00	
Georgetown	"	18,144	263.00	
Horry	"	18,264	264.00	
Lee	"	14,351	208.00	
Marion	"	17,615	255.00	
Marlboro	"	13,953	202.00	
Williamsburg	"	27,229	394.00	2,660.00
TOTAL:				$12,062.00

Total Population (Non-White) by congressional districts:

1st.	185,575	
2nd.	198,419	
3rd.	78,411	
4th.	85,746	
5th.	100,074	
6th.	183,737	
TOTAL:		831,962

.145 X population for each County = Assessment $12,000

amounts to about 14½ cents per person

S.C. Congressional districts assessed themselves for state wide office to keep S.C. VEP alive

C.H.T. Jr

7/31/64

August 31, 1964

Mr. R. J. Palmer
Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Mr. Palmer:

As indicated in the enclosed copy of my letter to Dr. Thomas, I have enclosed herein our VEP check in the amount of $4,000, representing payment for a preliminary grant to the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

The proceeds of this check should be deposited in your special VEP account, and all expenditures should be paid by the use of the voucher checks which are being sent to you today under separate cover. These checks should always be used in numerical order, and you should send to our office at the end of each week, a carbon of each check written or voided during the week. A set of financial instructions is enclosed, and you, along with the persons responsible for your financial matters, should read it very carefully and follow the instructions contained therein.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encls: $4,000 check
Financial instructions
cc of letter to Dr. Thomas

August 27, 1964

Dr. C. H. Thomas, Chairman
South Carolina Voter Education Project
Box 1778, S. C. State College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Re: VEP 4-45

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I am terribly pushed for time right now and can not give the detailed attention to your request for a statewide grant at this time. In order that you will not be delayed, I am making a preliminary grant to the South Carolina Voter Education project in the sum of $ 4,000.00 and am sending our check for that amount to Mr. R. J. Palmer today. The printed checks are being sent to Mr. Palmer under separate cover and I am requesting that he not issue any checks until he gets the checks we had printed for your project.

Your state office will now have to take over the financial support of those counties in the Third and Fifth Congressional Districts where meaningful programs can be conducted. You are authorized to spend up to $ 1,000.00 each in the third and fifth districts out of this preliminary grant and the other $ 2,000.00 is for your headquarters. Upon my return from Arkansas where I am now going to defend a murder case, I will make a final decision as to your statewide grant.

You should get together with the chairmen of the 3rd and 5th districts and work out something for support of their active counties. I sent you a copy of a letter to Mr. McCain requesting a refund of all unspent VEP funds at once. I am sending Mr. Palmer a set of financial instructions for his information.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB/p
cc: Mr. R. J. Palmer

Recd 8/22/64

PALMER MEMORIAL CHAPEL

773-3383 — AREA CODE 803 304 SOUTH MAIN STREET SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA — 29150

August 21, 1964

Via Air Mail

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

In compliance with the request of our State V. E. P. Chairman, Dr. C. H. Thomas, I am enclosing the information you requested pertaining to the opening of our bank account for our State organization.

On the sample check order form, I have taken the liberty to type thereon a suggested format, which shows the name of our organization, the name of the bank to be used etc. and I would like to call to your attention the numbers which have been written in ink within the blocks. This represents our account number along with the appropriate bank symbols, and should be given to the printer who supplies the checks.

You will perhaps be interested in knowing that I, as treasurer, have applied for a fidelity bond in the amount of $10,000.00 and I am confident that this will be issued within the next few days.

If I may furnish you with any additional information you may need, please advise.

Very truly yours,

R. J. Palmer

RJP:djh
cc: Dr. C. H. Thomas
S. C. State College
Orangeburg, S. C.

order for 1,000 placed 8/24

August 17, 1964

Dr. C. H. Thomas, Jr.
South Carolina State College
P. O. Box 1778
Orangeburg, South Carolina

RE: South Carolina
Voter Project

Dear Dr. Thomas:

VEP will continue financial support in the First, Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts through the October registration deadline. The initial grant for the Third District has now been paid in full, but we simply are not satisfied with the business procedure of that district, and I am reluctant to give additional support on a direct basis. The Fifth District has caused us more concern than any, and they have only received the first installment of their initial grant, and there is very little incentive to support them for the remainder of the initial grant.

Perhaps we could take the money we authorized for the Third and Fifth districts, and send it to your state organization, and let the latter support registration in those counties where you are assured of cooperation, and at the same time, strengthen your state organization.

I would like to talk with the leadership of your state organization, and if you are meeting at any time soon, then I would be pleased to try to arrange to meet with you. I am dictating this letter on the phone, but will be back in Atlanta Thursday or Friday of this week, and would suggest that you write or phone me. If it just so happens that you will be meeting this week-end, then I think I could still get there. I do not mean that I want to talk to all of the county leaders, but your state leaders.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

S.C. Voter Proj.
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August 17, 1964

Mr. C. H. Thomas, Jr.
South Carolina State College
Box 1778
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I wish to express my appreciation for receiving me in your congressional district with such warm and congenial southern hospitality. My visit with you proved to be both informative and interesting.

The work we are engaged in has rewards. Seemingly, we all are receiving these just rewards. These rewards, regardless of their form or shape, are the products of hard and well directed work which is quite evident throughout your district.

It is a comforting to know that we have such people as you, who give their time and energy to such a cause that could very well change the course of our nation's history.

Best of luck in the continuance of your local voter education project. If I may be of service, please feel free to contact me at this office.

Very truly yours,

Joe L. Tucker
Field Representative

JLT:js

Same letter sent to:
Mr. Esau Jenkins, 41 Cannon St., Charleston, South Carolina
Rev. S. L. McCain, RFD #1, Box 140
Mr. W. E. Brown (?25 Bartlet St., Sumter, S. C.

S.C. Voter Proj
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August 11, 1964

Dr. C. H. Thomas, Jr.
Box 1778
South Carolina State College
Orangeburg, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Thomas:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 31 in which you request a grant to the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

In considering the request, we need to know just what activity will be carried on by the state project that is not being carried on through the congressional district programs. Do you have in mind that VEP would curtail the grants to the congressional districts in favor of a grant to the state project? As we are presently set up, we plan to discontinue all grants in aid in South Carolina by October 5, but we would probably permit the districts to spend any funds on hand for voter education activities up through the November 3 Election. We contemplate that any grants that we make would be spent prior to November 3, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

VEP 4-45

September 1, 1964

Dr. C. H. Thomas, Chairman
South Carolina Voter Education Project
Box 1778, S. C. State College
Orangeburg, S.C.

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Dr. Thomas:

This is just a reminder that we will be expecting regular reports through you for the Third and Fifth Districts, along with our regular direct reports we will be getting from the other areas.

I am sending under separate cover a supply of research reporting forms. Please don't hesitate to raise any questions you might have about the items.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

VCP 4-45

Rec'd 9/9/64 WB JM

Box 1778 S. C. State College
Orangeburg, S. C.
September 8,1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director V.E.P.,
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street N. W.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

We wish to thank you for your inimial grant of $2,000.00 to our state project. We also thank you for the $2,000.00 for the 3rd and 5th districts($1,000.00 each). We look forward to hearing from you as to your final decision as to what we may expect you to grant our state project.

Our executive committee has employed Mr. Richard M. Miles as Field Director. Mr. Miles went to work in our state office, 2022 Tayler street, Columbia, S.C., September 1. You met Mr. and Mrs Miles when you were in Columbia with us. Enclosed is a statement about Mr. Miles.

We have instructed Rev. Newman, S.C. V.E.P. Secretary and Mr. Miles to prepare budget requests for expenses to "get out the vote" November 3. We hope that these budget requests reach your office real soon. We also hope that you at that time be in position to honor these requests. We see a long hard fight here in S. C. and our Voter Educational Project should be expanded to "get out the vote". It seems such a shame and waste of money, time, and energy for us to have been quite successful in registering large numbers of voters and then not get them out to vote. But to do this, we grately need financial help.

In our last executive meeting we pledged our selves to register 10,000 more non whites during September. The dates vary over the State when the books will be open. But as far as we know all counties will give not less than two days. Richland County was open yesterday (Labor Day), and if the news is reliable they registered 138 Negroes there yesterday. This is an indicator that we are after our 10,000 goal for September.

The form that you gave out in Columbia as to the number registered since January seems to be in grave error and seems to be in erroe against us and not in our favor. Enclosed is a correct statement for Orangeburg, Barnwell, and Bamberg counties. These figures were taken from copies of reports sent to your office. We regret that your new worker did not find these figures. We think that other counties might wish to correct their figures also. So, if she still has trouble Mr. Miles can be of assistance.

I am this day writing Mr. S. L. McCain and Mr. R.H. Hail asking them to apply to our state office for the payment of their bills up to but not to exceed $1,000.00 each.

Trusting that your work is progressing to your satisfaction, I am,

Yours very truly,
C. H. Thomas Jr.
C. H. Thomas, Jr.,
S.C.V.E.P. State Chairman.

CHT/cw.
cc: Mr. Richard Miles ; Rev. I.D. Newman
Encl. Statement about Miles; Corrected figures

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SEP 9 1964

Vitae

VITAL STATISTICS

Richard Monroe Miles

Born: Little Rock, Arkansas

Age: 27 January 8, 1937

Married: 4 years, no children

Military: Honorable Discharge, U.S. Marine Corps

Active Duty 1954-1957; Discharged Sgt.

Sea Duty, Far East - 20 months

Guard Duty, North Carolina - 8 months

Religious Affiliation: Religious Society of Friends

EDUCATION

A.A. degree - Bakersfield College - 1960 - Political Science
Bakersfield, California

A.B. degree - University of California - 1962 - Political Science
Berkeley, California

M.A. degree - Indiana University - 1964 - Government
Bloomington, Indiana

HONORS

Sheldon Krasnow Award to Outstanding
Freshman Student - 1959 - Bakersfield College

Bakersfield College Award to Outstanding
Sophomore Student - 1960

Rotary Club Scholarship - 1960 - Bakersfield, Calif.

Indiana University Foundation Grant - 1963

Indiana University Research Assistantship - 1964

VOTER REGISTRATION EXPERIENCE

Participant, Summer, 1963 American Friends Service Committee Voter Education Project, Greensboro, North Carolina

Participant, voter registration work, 1960-1962, clubs in the California Democratic Council

WIFE

Sharon Miles

age 24

A.B degree - University of California - 1962 - History
Berkeley, California

Participant - 8 week Voter Education Project of American Friends Service Committee this summer in Orangeburg, South Carolina

C. H. Thomas, Jr

9/8/64

Mr. Wiley A. Branton

V.E.P. in S.C.
Second District
Orangeburg Area
Registered 1964

	jan 1964	Feb. 1964	March 1964	April 1964	May 1964	June 1964	July 1964	August 1964	September 1964	Total
Bamberg	?	41	19	?	116	B.C.	B.C.	85		26
Barnwell	4		11	?	68	B.C.	[redacted]	35		118
Orangeburg	78	71	58	143	558	B.C.	147	673		1728
										2,107

These figures were taken from monthly reports sent in by counties.

Corrected figures for 3 Counties

C. H. Thomas, Jr.

9/8/64

AN EDITORIAL

TD 8 Sept 64 Tue
Thomas, Or S.C.

Last Chances To Register

Today, tomorrow and Thursday will afford the residents of Orangeburg County the last opportunities they will have to register to vote before the November 3 general election. According to law, the books must be open on the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of September, but since Monday was Labor Day, the three days have been shoved back one day.

Brown Bradley, chairman of the county registration board, said that in order to expedite registration, the regular registration office in the basement of the county courthouse will not be used. Instead, the clerks will take the books to the courtroom so that there will be no crowding.

The Times and Democrat believes that it is of great importance to everyone to register — and to follow through by the casting of ballots at the polls November 3. Those who fail to register this week will forfeit their privilege of participating in selecting this country's next president.

For more than six months, Negroes have conducted an intensive voter registration drive in South Carolina and in Orangeburg. Their spokesmen say that approximately 50,000 members of the Negro race have registered in this state since the drive began. Over 1,000 of them have been Orangeburg County residents. A massive bloc vote by the Negroes now registered — more than 5,000 of them— can have a great effect upon the outcome of the November balloting.

The Times and Democrat is not critical of the Negroes for their successful registration drive. This newspaper commends them for their hard work, feeling that it is the right and privilege of all who are qualified to vote.

It is with the many thousands of qualified white residents who are eligible to vote and who have not registered that this newspaper quarrels. If the white race wishes to have a voice in perpetuating the rights for which its forefathers fought, it must have a strong representation at the polls. If those rights are lost, it will not be the fault of the white people who voted. It will be the fault of those who were too apathetic, too lazy and too disinterested to register and vote.

There are optimistic signs, though. Many homes were canvassed during the last week to find out how many have registered and to encourage those who have not to do so. For that reason, it is expected that there will be many more white registrations during the next three days. For the sake of this country, for the sake of the white race, it is hoped that such optimism is deserved.

TO: Mr. R. H. Hail and Rev. S. L. McCain

From: C. H. Thomas, Jr., State V.E.P Chr.

Subject: Change in making financial reports

C.H. Thomas, Jr.,
Box 1778, S.C. State College
Orangeburg, S. C.
September 8, 1964

Dear Sirs:

We have a letter from Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director, V.E.P., Atlanta, Georgia, requesting that our state office handle your future claims. We are now in position to oblige Mr. Branton and herewith request that you request payment of your bills through Mr. Richard M. Miles S.C. Field Director of S.C. Voter Education Project, at 2022 Taylor Street, Columbia, S. C. Neither of you can expect more than $1,000.00 to be paid amoung your several counties at this time. If you expect our office to honor your claim please have the same in correct order. For each purchase there must be at least three (3) copies of the bill. For each payment where there is no bill, there must be a voucher explaining the item in detail. If I can personally be of service to you write me at Box 1778, S.C. State College, Orangeburg, S.C. or Call JE4 8857.

Please remember our pledge to get 10,000 Negroes registered this month and do not forget to get out the Vote November 3.

CHT/cw

cc: Mr. Richard M. Miles, S.C. Field Director V.E.P.
Mr. I. DeQuincy Newman
Mr. Wiley A. Branton

September 9, 1964

Mr. Randolph T. Blackwell
SCLC
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Randolph:

Would you please send us the invoices or receipts on the printing and food bills from your Columbia, South Carolina meeting so that the accounting can be completed.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

September 11, 1964

Mr. Richard M. Miles, Field Director
South Carolina Voter Education Project
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Mr. Miles:

Mr. Branton has shown me a letter from Dr. Thomas in which he mentions several errors in our list of people registered in South Carolina since January. Since Dr. Thomas suggested that you might be able to clear this up, I'm enclosing a copy of our records so that you can make any corrections you feel are needed. Please return it at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

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2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
September 18, 1964

Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Re: VEP 4-45
Your letter of 9/11/64

Dear Mrs. Moore:

Thank you for your letter of September 11. Enclosed please find a corrected list of people registered in South Carolina since January.

Other adjustments may be necessary; however, since I have only received corrections from the Second Congressional District, I am forwarding to you the only information on this matter I have to date.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles

Richard Miles
Director
South Carolina VEP

RM/s

enclosure

cc: Dr. C.H. Thomas

Look by

p.s.: Would you please send me a copy of the above-mentioned voter registration chart for my office. Thank you.

VEP 4-45

Numbers in circles are additions

Numbers in ellipses are corrections

VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DISTRICT County	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total
First Cong.											
Allendale	10	14	20	41	39	5					129
Beaufort	110	30	160	45	68	b.c.					413
Berkeley	10	24	26	71	220	42					398
Charleston	39		82	74	166			992[1]			1353
Clarendon	27	11	32	10	21	42					143
Colleton	97	105	93	63	132						490
Dorchester	25	19	27	39	10	8					128
Hampton	21	7	51	52	51	10					192
Jasper	55	46	24	15	39	11					190
	394	256	515	410	946	118		992			[3641]
Second Cong.											
Aiken	187	71	112	153	58		b.c.	85			521
Bamberg	41	19			109 (+7)						169 261
Barnwell	4	11			68			35			99 118
Calhoun		17	3	4	8	10		123			42 165
Lexington	14	6	51								71
Orangeburg	71	58	58	143	558	147 (May B.C.) July		673	250		129 [276] 1958
Richland	191	119	172								482
Sumter	123	99	147								369
	627	410	485	159	243		10				[1924]
											3755

*b.c. means books closed

[1]This does not include 237 address changes and duplications (1599)

Voter Registration in South Carolina, con.

DISTRICT County	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total
Third Cong.											
Abbeville											
Anderson						130[1]					130
Edgefield					583	66					649
Greenwood	450 (This figure is for Jan.-June)				45	450					
McCormick	162 (This figure is for Jan. - June)					162					
Newberry											
Oconee											
Pickens											100
Saluda				190(This figure is for April-July)							1969
Fourth Cong.	612			190	582	196					
Greenville	2400	1269[2]	380[3]								4049
Laurens								1,000[4]			1000
Spartanburg	125	97	66	109	155						552
	2525	1366	446	709	155			1000			5601
Fifth Cong.											
Cherokee	79	41	50	52	69			25			316
Chester	70	72	78	113	117			242			692
Chesterfield	117	70	65	88	139						479
Fairfield	76	30	69	36	115			190			516
Kershaw	110	110	131	116	149						616

[1] This figure covers June 1 through July 20.

[2] " " " January 26 through March 1.

[3] " " " March 1 through April 16

[4] This is only a tentative figure.

[5] NAACP program for high

[4] CORE

DISTRICT County	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Tot.
Fifth Cong., con.											259
Lancaster	64	35	59	32	69						470
Union	96	81	75	76	142						825
York	164	131	136	100	160			134			
	776	570	663	613	960						
Sixth Cong.											
Darlington	144	134	80	143	~~189~~ 16	b.c.[1]	109				
Dillon	72	47	62	39	~~302~~ 234	b.c.	170				
Florence	166	94	111	116	~~462~~ 205	161	203				
Georgetown	153	94	129	114	~~328~~ 126	b.c.	89				
Horry	74	80	80	90	~~426~~ 209	b.c.	110				
Lee	71	52	73	60	79 12	10	52				
Marion	88	84	69	45	250 159	164	94				
Marlboro	29	28	42	38	51 5	b.c.	49				
Williamsburg	93	101	86	151	463 314	b.c.	72				
	790	714	732	796	1.382	335	948				

[1] b.c. means books closed.

[2] CORE program for through

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SEP 23 1964

2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
September 19, 1964

Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Re: South Carolina
state VEP office

Dear Rev. Newman:

As you know, the Headquarters Committee of the Executive Committee has selected me to serve as Director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project for the coming year. I am honored and gratified by this appointment, and I am confident that with your continued cooperation, the South Carolina Voter Education Project will maintain its forward movement in voter registration and political education.

Although the permanent office of the VEP has already been established, it is obvious that a great deal of preliminary work must be done before this office can be of real value to you and to voter education as a whole.

Perhaps the single most important task which I hope to perform is the coordination and dissemination of information concerning all aspects of South Carolina voter registration, participation, and education. Central to this task is the problem of organization, and South Carolina is extremely fortunate to have the already-existing and functioning organizational framework which it does. The Congressional District Chairmen are the most important links in this organizational chain, and I hope to get to know you very well and to work with you very closely during the year to come. Without the utilization of your political knowledge and experience, I could not hope to fulfill my own task. It is vitally important that we establish lines of rapid communication.

Therefore, I would like to begin attending the regular meetings of your congressional district organization as quickly as possible. In order to accomplish this, would it be possible for you to have forwarded to my office the date, time, and place of your future meetings? I would like this information so that I might immediately begin planning my schedule around these important dates.

VEP 4-45

In addition, would it be possible for you to have forwarded to me the following information:

1. A table of organization for your district, listing names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all officers and chairmen down to the precinct level. If your secretary could be responsible for a compilation of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of county chairmen and their secretaries, then the remainder of the work could be delegated to the appropriate county chairmen, who should then submit their lists to you for verification. Your secretary could then forward these lists to my office. I would appreciate it if I could have this material by October the First. Please do not hesitate to identify those areas where no organization exists at the present time. This is just as important as is information concerning already-established organizations.

2. A list of dates, times, and places for regular and special meetings of the county committees, precinct meetings, and any other meetings which you think might be of particular significance. Compilation of the list could also be delegated to the county chairmen, and in the interest of time, the county chairmen could send them directly to my office.

My wife, Sharon Miles, will be acting as my secretary at least until after the November election and will be available in the office to receive calls and be of service to you. Our telephone number is 254-5953, and my personal address and phone number will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. The facilities of the office are at your disposal, and in addition, Mrs.Miles and I hope that you will drop in to see us at home when you are in Columbia. The office is located at 2022 Taylor Street, Columbia.

I would like to close with a reminder of the necessity for meeting county assessments if the South Carolina Voter Education Project is to become self-supporting and continue its dynamic work in voter registration/education.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles, Director
S.C. VEP

RM/sm

cc: Wiley Branton
Dr. Charles H. Thomas

all congressional District Chairmen

September 19, 1964

Mr. Richard Miles, Director
South Carolina Voter Education Project
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Miles:

We have now received the refund check from Rev. McCain of the Third Congressional District and you are authorized to pay any legitimate claims from his district up to a maximum of $ 1,000.00.

We can not understand why we have not yet heard from Mr. Haile of the Fifth Congressional District. Please check into this delay so that we can allow you to pay bills for those counties having programs.

Would you please undertake to find out what counties will have additional days for registration before the November 3 election? I would like to suggest that you start compiling some statistics on a county by county registration by race in order that we can really find out what the Negro voting strength is in South Carolina.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB/p
cc: Mr. R. H. Haile

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JMV

2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
September 23, 1964

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Re: Your letter, 9/19/64

Dear Mr. Branton:

This will acknowledge your authorization to proceed with payment of claims from Rev. McCain's Third Congressional District.

I was able to visit Mr. Haile of the Fifth Congressional District on September 22, at which time he informed me that an Executive Committee meeting of his district had been held on September 21, and that the financial difficulty would be cleared up as soon as he could contact the Treasurer of the district.

There is to be a meeting of the Executive Committee of our state office on September 24, and Mr. Haile has promised to provide me with additional information at that time.

At this meeting all district chairmen are being asked to provide information on the number of days of registration still open in the counties under their jurisdiction. You understand that all books will be closed by October the Third, and shortly thereafter it will be possible to obtain official statistics on Negro registration in South Carolina.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles (Sm)

Richard Miles, Director
S.C. VEP

RM/sm

Dictated by Mr. Miles and
signed in his absence.

VEP 4-45

2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
September 23, 1964

R.H. Haile
Haile's Funeral Home
Camden,
South Carolina

Re: Discussion of 9/22/64

Dear Mr. Haile:

I was pleased by the frank discussion which we were able to have yesterday, and I am sure that the VEP in the Fifth Congressional District will soon be able to expand its activities into those counties where additional organizational work is needed.

After leaving Camden, I decided not to drive to Union to contact Dr. Long, although I hope to see him in the very near future.

Since we discussed so many matters, I thought it desirable to confirm a few of the more important ones by letter. My understanding of the financial problem is that the balance in your account from the Southern Regional Council is to be refunded to Atlanta as soon as you are able to contact your treasurer, and that upon receipt of authorization from Atlanta, my office will pay your legitimate claims up to the amount of your regular allotment.

Although time is quite short, I would like to remind you that I need lists of the following items:

1. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of county chairmen and their officers.

2. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of key individuals in those counties where no VEP organization exists.

3. Names, addresses, and phone numbers of ministers who should be contacted regarding the establishment of voter education workshops.

4. An approximation of the total number of Negroes registerd, if possible broken down county-by-county and month-by-month.

5. The dates of open registration in each county between now and October the Third.

6. An approximation of the amount of money needed to produce as strong a get-out-the-vote campaign as possible. (I would remind you that there is no money available for this at the present time and that we must rely on a volunteer effort.)

I realize that this is a great deal to ask, but my own actions are rather hampered until I can obtain the above lists. They are all of crucial and immediate importance.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Thursday meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles, Director
South Carolina Voter
Education Project

RM/sm

cc: Mr. Wiley Branton
Dr. Charles H. Thomas

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Route 1, Box 108-A
Seabrook, South Carolina
September 24, 1964

Mr. Richard Miles, Director
South Carolina VEP
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Miles:

Your letter of September 14 was referred to me by Mr. Billie Flemming, present Chairman of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project.

We are certainly happy over the selection of a full time Field Director for Voter Education in South Carolina and feel that outstanding progress will be made under the new administration. We look forward to meeting you in person.

Formerly, the First Congressional District held monthly meetings after the First Monday, or the Friday following the registration period in the District. Our next and last such meeting will be held in Huger, South Carolina, Berkeley County, October 9 beginning at 8 o'clock. This organization will be consolidated along with the other five Congressional Districts and operate on a statewide basis after the October meeting.

I am enclosing the information you requested and hope that it will be sufficient to anwser most of your questions.

I would like to say that the records of the First Congressional District Voter Education Project will be available to you if you desire . From these records you will be able to see exactly what has been done in voter registration in the First Congressional District over a period of one year.

Looking forward to seeing you in Huger, South Carolina on October 9. The meeting will be held at S. L. Sweet Shop in Huger, Berkeley County, South Carolina.

Very truly yours,

Frieda R. Mitchell

Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell, Secretary
First Congressional District VEP

CC:
Mr. Billie Flemming
Mr. Wiley Branton

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ORGANIZATION OF THE FIRST CONgressional district VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT - OCTOBER, 1963-O
OCTOBER, 1964

COUNTY	NAME OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS	NAME OF COUNTY DELEGATE	ADDRESS
Allendale	Allendale County Voters League	Mr. J. J. Fields	Post Office Box 195 Allendale, S. C.
Beaufort	Beaufort County Voters League	Mr. Cleaver B. Johnson	R-1, Box 59 Frogmore, S. C.
Berkeley	Berkeley County Educational Committee	Rev. Samuel Weigfall	R-1, Box 9B Huger, S. C.
Charleston	Charleston County Civic Club	Mr. Essau Jenkins	41 Cannon St. Charleston, S.C.
Clarendon	Manning Branch, NAACP	Deceased-Mr. Billie Flemming, Chairman acts as representative	Flemming Funeral Home - Manning
Colleton	Colleton County Civic Club	Mr. B. E. Price	P. O. Box 7 Walterboro, S.C
Corchester	George Washington Carver Voters League	Rev. Lewis H. Simmons	P.O. Box 371 Summerville S. C.
Hampton	Hampton County Voters League	Rev. J. H. Hosey	Route 1, Bx.133 Garnett, S.C.
Jasper	Jasper County Voters League	Mr. Vanuel Mitchell	P. O. Bx.385 Ridgeland, S.C.

Chairman: Mr. Billie Flemming
Treasurer: Rev. Matthew McCollom
Secretary: Mrs. Frieda R. Mitchell

I will send a letter requesting the county delegates to bring details on their local organizations to the meeting on October 9

September 29, 1964

Mr. Richard Miles, Field Director
South Carolina VEP
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Miles:

Mr. Branton has asked me to send you the Southern Regional Council publications you asked for. In a separate package, I'm sending our two Annual Reports and an SRC pamphlet, The Negro and the Ballot. I'm also including the SRC publications list so that you may read descriptions of their various materials. If you check the ones you want and return the list, I will send them to you immediately.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

VEP 4-45

WB

2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
September 11, 1964

Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

SEP 14 1964

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Dear Mr. Branton:

This is simply a note to give you our office phone number which is 254-5953, area code 803. There will be someone in the office from approximately 9:00-5:00, although the hours will be 10:15-5:00 until Wednesday, September 16.

I will be living in Orangeburg at 240 Treadwell Street until the first part of October. There is no telephone at that address.

Thursday evening I discussed with Dr. Thomas the problem represented by the Third and Fifth Congressional Districts. I will have my car on Wednesday the 16th, and I will immediately visit those areas to attempt to clarify that situation.

Dr. Thomas and I also discussed Reverend Newman's letter of September 8, concerning his request for "get out the vote" money. In light of your telephone conversation with Dr. Thomas, I will meet with Reverend Newman and see if we cannot submit a request for a more realistic figure.

I would appreciate your sending us any research reports or publications of the Southern Regional Council which you think will be of value to our office.

1st Annual Report
2d " "
Negro + Ballot

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles

Richard Miles
Field Director
South Carolina VEP

RM/s

cc: Dr. C.H. Thomas, Jr.

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2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina
October 1, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.,
Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Re: Additional Registration Days

Dear Mr. Branton:

Below is the requested list of counties in South Carolina which have been granted additional registration days prior to the November election:

(This is the best Shawn could do in my absence. There are some counties open until the 7th of October in the First CD, but my papers indicating which ones have been held up in the plane. We'll send you a supplementary list on Monday

Dick)

First Congressional District: None

Second Congressional District:

Aiken	September 11-October 3
Bamberg	September 11-October 3
Barnwell	September 11-October 3
Calhoun	September 11-October 3
Lexington	September 11-October 3
Orangeburg	October 1-3
Richland	September 10-October 3
Sumter	September 11-October 3

Third Congressional District:

Anderson	Due to re-zoning, all registrants are required to re-register

Fourth Congressional District:
Greenville
Spartanburg
Laurens

Fifth Congressional District:
Chesterfield
Kershaw
Union

Sixth Congressional District:

Darlington	September 28-October 2
Horry	September 22-October 3
Georgetown	

Very truly yours,

Richard Miles (sm)

Richard Miles, Director
South Carolina Voter
Education Project

RM/sm

Date rec't - not known - apeal rec'd 10/2 or 10/3

232 South Livingston Street
Clinton, South Carolina
October 1, 1964

Mr. Joe Louis Tucker, Field Representative
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Tucker:

I have received your letter dated September 25 stating that: "The tags have been ordered, and should by now be in your possession, or will arrive under separate cover shortly."

Please be advised, that todate we have not received these buttons (I am Registered Are You?) If there is anything that you can do to get us these buttons before our 14 October Public Program that will culminate our activities here, we will appreciate.

Very truly yours,

J. T. W. Mims

J. T. W. Mims, Director
Voter Education Laurens County

September 25, 1964

Mr. M. T. W. Mims
232 South Livingston Street
Clinton, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Mr. Mims:

Thank you for your letter. I'm glad to be of service to you and your voter registration drive.

The tags have been ordered, and should by now be in your possession, or will arrive under separate cover shortly.

Very truly yours,

Joe Louis Tucker
Field Representative

JLT:js

note:
See 9/18/64 correspondence to Marvin Rich re tags written by John Due, Jr.
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REPORT OF VEP TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 2, 1964

Initial contact with Louis Martin was facilitated by prior conversation with Arthur J. Clement and Judge Bennett, both of whom talked with Louis Martin before and during our conversation with him.

The booklet of statistics was well-received, particularly inasmuch as the estimate of total Negro votes was only 5,000 higher than that prepared by Congressional Quarterly. John Bailey was called in to check the statistics and seemed impressed.

Our discussion with Mr. Martin was of a three-fold nature and covered the mistakes of both state and national Party campaign committees and the scope and success of the S.C. VEP.

In regard to the state campaign apparatus, we discussed the racist appeal being made, the seeming lack of understanding concerning the Negro vote, the lack of campaign material, and, in particular, the lack of funds. On the national level, we discussed the futility of producing pro-Johnson literature as far as influencing the Negro vote or building voting enthusiasm was concerned and the overwhelming need for voter workshops and funds for getting out the vote in November.

We discussed at some length the success of the S.C. VEP, pointing out the remarks made to that effect in the Second Annual Report of the Southern Regional Council VEP as well as the fact of the continued existence of the state program following the termination of funds from Atlanta. We mentioned the organizational scope of our program and emphasized its inclusive nature rather than dwelling on the relatively defunct Palmetto Voters Association and Progressive Democratic Party. The latter organization was inquired about and in parting Judge Bennett asked J. Arthur Brown and myself if it would not be possible to put together a coordinated effort in Charleston utilizing the influence of Mr. Wrighten. At the close of our interview, Mr. Martin said that he would "be able to work with us," but I retained certain disquieting thoughts:

1. I do not feel he adequately understood how alienated the state campaign apparatus was from the Negro community.

2. I do not feel he was willing to admit the mistakes made by the national apparatus concerning the approach being made to influence the Negro vote.

3. I do not feel he understood the immediate need for money in order to facilitate the establishment of voter workshops nor did he seem to understand the vital necessity for the workshops in order to secure an educated Negro electorate by November.

4. I do not feel he understood our ability to put together a get-out-the-vote campaign of massive proportions given only the necessary financial backing. He seemed to discount the areas of relatively slight voting strength and rather than a coordinated state-wide effort, he seemed to prefer to concentrate effort in a few areas of Negro voting strength.

5. He did not seem to understand the appeal of Goldwaterism in South Carolina and seemed to under-estimate the money, organization, and fanaticism possessed by Goldwater supporters.

At my request I received an additional interview with Miss Payne currently Assistant to Margaret Price, who is in charge of National Democratic Women. Miss Payne is a personal friend of J. Arthur Brown, and both Mr. Brown and I had met her prior to our interview with Mr. Martin.

I repeated the bulk of our conversation with Mr. Martin to Miss Payne, stressing those points of misunderstanding listed above. I cited a previous conversation I had had with Bill Kirkland of AFL-CIO COPE regarding the white backlash problem and found out only later that Miss Payne had worked with COPE herself.

I stressed to Miss Payne the urgent need for money for educational purposes and mentioned the fact that no one seemed to appreciate the significance of the 92,000 new registrants both in terms of political ignorance and voting strength. Miss Payne desired more specific information concerning the utilization of the requested funds, and I gave her a copy of our budget form for CD chairmen as well as promising more information later. I still believe it wise not to be too specific or we will find ourselves with too little leaway for the inevitable last-minute emergency expenses. I stressed to her the ability we possessed to render a satisfactory accounting for all funds spent and suggested that failing a direct grant, money could be channeled through Atlanta or even the state campaign apparatus, although we would not be happy with the latter arrangement.

Following this meeting I visited the offices of Congressional Quarterly and discussed our mutual problems with Mrs. Drew, who covers civil rights news in general and voting statistics from the Southern states in particular.

I then visited the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, talked briefly with Carl W. Holman, Chief Information Officer, and then at greater length with William L. Taylor, General Counsel, and officers in charge of voting activities. We discussed the general program of political education and collection of reliable statistics, and I learned that the Commission has requested a state-wide count of Negro registrants from the Bureau of Census. This survey will be undertaken soon.

Following this, I visited the headquarters of the Friends Committee on National Legislation and discussed our actitities with E. Raymond Wilson, Secretary Emeritus of FCNL. Our area of cooperation here will largely be in that of personal contact and suggestions for political education.

/s/ Richard Miles

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October 6, 1964

Mr. R. J. Palmer
304 South Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Mr. Palmer:

We require weekly financial accounting from all of our VEP programs, and you should include a copy of each check written or voided during the week, together with a ledger sheet. Even if there is some delaylin the preparation of the ledger sheet, there is no reason for delay in sending a copy of each check as this only requires placing them in an envelope and mailing them to us.

We have received no financial reporting on the South Carolina Voter Project since we made the grant, and we therefore request that this deficiency be corrected immediately.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Dr. C. H. Thomas
Mr. Richard Miles
Financial

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Mr. Richard Miles
Financial

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10-17-64

October 7, 1964

Mr. Richard Miles, Director
South Carolina Voter Education Project
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Miles:

We have received the invcice from the printer for the overprinting of your voucher checks. The invoice was in the following amount:

1000 voucher checks	$44.90
Sales Tax	1.35
TOTAL	$46.25

Will you kindly write a check reimbursing the Voter Education Project in the above amount. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

Recd 11-5-64

VEP 4-45

October 9, 1964

Mr. R. J. Palmer, Treas.
Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina

S. C. Voter Project
RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Mr. Palmer:

I am certain that you will be getting some funds for your voter education activities from sources other than VEP. You should, by all means, establish a separate bank account to handle non-VEP funds.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Addendum C

SOUTH CAROLINA

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

President

DR. CHARLES H. THOMAS, JR.
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2022 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
TELEPHONE 254-5953

October 15, 1964

The moral issues at stake in this Presidential election are immense, and you as a religious leader are undoubtedly aware of the necessity for political involvement by both yourself and the members of your congregation. Church leaders of all faiths have taken an ever-increasing interest in this coming election, and many have made extremely partisan statements regarding one or the other Presidential candidates.

As the Director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, I am not asking that you endorse or support any candidate for office, but I am asking that you publicly support the political involvement of the members of your congregation and that you help them to vote intelligently by sponsoring a voter education workshop in your church at least once and preferably twice prior to the election.

We envision such workshops as being of a non-partisan nature and lasting for one or two hours duration. We must teach newly registered voters the mechanics of voting so that they will overcome their fear of voting and so that their ballot will not be mis-marked and invalidated. We would like to encourage you to conduct such a workshop yourself or to appoint an experienced church member to do so.

If you prefer, we are also in a position to provide you with someone to lead a voter workshop in your church. Mr. Ben Mack of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, his co-workers and fellow graduates of S.C.L.C. Citizenship Schools are prepared to conduct such workshops for your congregation. If you would desire their help or any other assistance, please let me know as quickly as possible so that our help may be of value to you in time for the November election.

I am enclosing a sermon on citizenship and voting prepared by Reverend E.J. Odum, Jr., who is the National N.A.A.C.P. Church Secretary. Feel free to use this ermon in any way you wish.

I am also enclosing a resolution passed by representatives of the Voter Education Project of the Third Congressional District at their regular meeting of October 11, 1964. I believe that if all ministers in South Carolina were to implement this resolution in both letter and spirit, then we would be well on our way toward building a better South Carolina and a better America for all citizens, white and Negro alike.

I have prepared a set of guidelines for a get-out-the-vote campaign which contains many suggestions for activity by ministers. I would be glad to send you a copy if you desire.

Very truly yours,

Richard Miles

RM/sm

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VEP Resolution

WHEREAS: In this Presidential election of 1964, issues of transcendental moral significance are at stake, and

WHEREAS: Ministers of organized churches are endowed by the nature of their calling with responsibility for the moral attitudes and actions of their congregations,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Third Congressional District Organization of the South Carolina Voter Education Project strongly urge ministers of churches in the Third Congressional District to:

1. publicly support the political involvement of the members of their churches with a brief announcement from the pulpit on every Sunday between now and election day;

2. officially establish committees in their churches to call upon every registered voter who is a member of that church to ask if that church member intends to vote on election day and to offer to provide a baby sitter and automobile transportation if needed;

3. publicly announce that, where appropriate, their church will be open on election day and that anyone seeking information or assistance regarding voting may find it at the church.

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

A TEN-POINT PLAN FOR GETTING OUT THE VOTE

I. Set up a formal campaign committee in each organization you have contact with. Elect a chairman, elect chairmen of committees, elect a chairman for each precinct, ward, and block that you wish to cover.

II. Seek volunteers and assign them to a specific committee. Make sure each committee chairman is active and has a program for action.

III. Set up a finance committee to raise funds for educational literature, publicity, and election day expenses. Combine fund raising activities with regular mass meetings, door-to-door canvassing, etc.

IV. Establish voter education workshops. Use the churches, use the schools, use private homes. Have sample ballots printed or use a blackboard. Show people every single step of the voting process. Do not ask people if they know how to vote. Show them how and ask them to tell others.

V. Plan a door-to-door campaign using the young people. Make a list of every registered voter. Before election day ask each person on this list to get out and vote, ask if the voter needs a ride or a babysitter and mark this information on the list. Ask each voter to come to a voter education workshop. Invite everyone to a mass rally the night before election day to get them in the spirit of voting.

VI. Organize a telephone committee using housewives and retired people to call every voter possessing a phone, reminding them of the urgent need to vote in this election. Again ask the voter to attend a voter workshop.

VII. Organize a transportation committee well in advance. Ask for volunteer cars and drivers. Ask cab drivers to donate a few hours of their time on election day. Obtain a definite committment for as many automobiles as you will need and recheck this committment a few days prior to the election.

VIII. Set up a central number which people may call for voter assistance. Publicize this number as much as possible. Have a car dispatcher so that,whenever possible, your cars carry a full load to the polls.

IX. Organize a publicity committee to arrange for educational material for the workshops, publicity material for door-to-door canvassing, posters and radio messages. Leave informative literature in barber shops, restaurants, churches.

X. Have someone stand outside the polling place and check off all voters from the registration list. Early in the afternoon have the telephone committee call all voters who have not yet voted. Send some of the young people and a few cars to go door-to-door along streets or roads where few people seem to be voting.

A SUGGESTED SERMON ON CITIZENSHIP AND VOTING

By

Reverend Edward J. Odum, Jr.
National NAACP Church Secretary

Subject: "The Perils of Presumption and the Power of Political Action"

Text: "But They Supposing Him to Have Been in the Company, Went A Day's Journey." -- Luke 2:44.

This is indeed a challenging hour in the Negro's quest for human rights.

The United States Congress has passed a strong Civil Rights Bill and the conscience of the nation has been stirred on the question of racial justice.

It is evident that the key issue confronting government officials, political party leaders, educators and business men is how long will it take to implement a program designed to make people of every creed and color truly free.

This battle is not yet won. People of goodwill cannot afford to relax their forward thrust in support of first-class citizenship. Leaders in government must not waver in progressively making the American democratic ideal a reality in the day to day lives of every citizen.

It is equally true that Negroes must rise above apathy in the face of tasks yet to be done if they and their children are to enjoy the bright promise of "a new day begun."

Enlightened political action and intensified registration and voting is one channel for helping to create a community climate conducive to the continued growth of each individual.

To neglect the power of the ballot suggests a serious lack of awareness of the currents shaping our lives.

It is the danger of assuming that things are orderly and well. This is the <u>Peril of Presumption</u>.

This is an easy attitude to assume. It finds expression in relatively good people at times when they least expect its pervasive influence.

Such an attitude of presumption even touched the parents of Jesus. Remember how Jesus' parents in the tradition of their faith took their twelve-year-old son to Jerusalem for an annual religious observance.

At the end of the sacred rites, this good father and mother, in the company of friends, started the long journey hom. They assumed that their son was in the group. After a day's journey, to their consternation, it was discovered that the child had remained in Jerusalem.

Filled with fear, they returned to find the boy Jesus conversing with the wise men of the community. Jesus answers his parents' scolding with insight and perception -- He says, "I must be about my Father's business."

We can imagine their frustration. They presumed that the boy was in one place. He was in another.

Though they are glad to discover him, they are amazed to learn that he was not playing in the streets, but challenging the makers of community opinion on the great questions of his times.

This biblical incident suggests certain perilous presumptions that should be avoided. It also implies positive actions and attitudes that should prevail.

I. <u>It is perilous to travel too far without making an adequate Assessment of our situation.</u>

How often is it that nominally good people go along contentedly until some crisis situation shakes the community to its foundations.

An example of this is the growing outbreaks of racial violence and conflict in our cities. People of religious commitment must act responsibly during these times of tension. Every effort should be made to discourage violence and re-establish communication between antagonistic factions. To do less would be to abdicate our responsibilities as concerned citizens.

However, how much wiser would it be, if communities were aware sooner of the potentially explosive situations within their midst.

Is it not possible that we sometimes wait too long without evaluating the depressing effects of ghetto housing, inferior educational facilities, employment bias and lack of recreational expression for youth.

To go on heedless of the social sickness generated by discrimination is to presume too much at the risk of upheaval and disruption.

Note the fact that Jesus' parents had gone a full day's journey before they assessed the situation to discover if their son was in the company. It took a crisis to wake them up to the fact that watchfulness is necessary for orderly living.

It would have indeed been tragic if their son had met with danger while they, preoccupied with adult concern, assumed that the child was safely within their midst.

To vote is to evaluate. It is one method of influencing the quality of leadership necessary for group advancement.

Too often Negroes have been the victims of the neglect or maltreatment by leaders who govern. It is not enough to rant and cry about these situations. An assessment can be made on election day which will help decide whether those committed to our care are the beneficiaries of democracy's promise. It is dangerous to do less.

II. <u>It is perilous to underestimate the capabilities of those entrusted to our care.</u>

One of the most serious results of discrimination is the fact that the nation is poorer when it fails to develop the talents of each of its citizens.

It is a lack of vision to consign an individual to "picking peanuts" when he might possibly help to "cure cancer."

Civil Rights should be granted to each citizen in defense of the communities' right to progress.

It is significant that while there is a serious lack of doctors in some areas, many Negro boys with scientific curiosity are forced to drop out of school because of economic reasons.

Business and industry are struggling to develop sufficient technicians to meet the challenge of automation while thousands of capable Negroes are being shunted to menial and unskilled tasks.

It is of interest that when Jesus' parents discovered him, he was engaged in discussion with the learned fathers of Jerusalem. The story relates that they all were "astonished."

They had no idea that this boy of average parentage possessed the insight to raise meaningful questions with these leaders. They were amazed at his grasp of issues, and breadth of concern.

They underestimated the boy's capacities. To have continued to do so could have resulted in a tremendous loss to a great cause.

An intelligent vote is an expression of confidence in the future of our children. It is an affirmation of our faith in their ability to measure up to the demands of this age. It is an investment made to assure them of the opportunity to fulfill themselves as persons and citizens.

It is at the ballot box that Negroes can help select individuals who are dedicated to implementing the goals of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Negro youth will then be able to see new opportunities for developing and using their abilities. Their subsequent contributions to family, social, community and national life can be nothing less than "astonishing."

III. <u>It is perilous to postpone the application of our resources to the job to be done.</u>

There are many people who have marvelous plans for meeting today's challenges tomorrow.

These are the dreamers who believe that the intricate problems of intergroup relations will be solved in some glorious far distant future.

Perhaps we should include among this group those individuals who believe that problems of prejudice and discrimination will evaporate when "the hearts of men have been changed."

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Actually, a lot of reasonably good people share this attitude. These are they who would never start a race riot, bomb a Negro's home or suggest that public schools should be closed to prevent integration.

Their great sin resides in the fact that they remain inactive, passive and quiet in spite of the tasks confronting socially concerned people in this hour.

How different is the response of Jesus when his parents find him conversing with the Jerusalem "power structure."

His parents were probably waiting patiently for the fulfillment of the ancient prophet's promises. By contrast Jesus proclaims, "It is time I was about my Father's business."

Here is a sense of urgency. This is a deep awareness of the need to become personally involved in the struggle to make men free.

He recognizes that the idealism of his people can only find concrete expression through his forthright efforts in cooperation with others. To delay such responsible action would indeed be perilous.

To cast a vote is to share in current efforts to secure Freedom Now. To march to the ballot box is to commit oneself to the task of insuring equal opportunity, democratic government and neighborhoods built on brotherhood.

In practical terms this means among other things, better streets, opportunities to win public office, the use of public accomodations in dignity, quality education for our children and jobs based on ability.

Indeed, to vote is to transcend the perils of presumption and make effective use of the power of political action.

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Please note: WAB instructed me to send a copy of this letter to Dr. C. H. Thomas after the original letter had been mailed, therefore, the fact that Dr. Thomas was mailed a copy is not indicated on the original to Mr. Miles.

October 19, 1964

Mr. Richard Miles, Field Director
South Carolina Voter Project
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Mr. Miles:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 14, 1964, in which you submitted two proposals in support of a "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign in connection with the November 3 general election in South Carolina.

This will confirm my telephone conversation with you today in which I informed you that VEP will not be in a position to give any financial assistance to a "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign in South Carolina.

We do intend to give consideration to additional financial support for the operation of your state office, and request that you send us information regarding the outstanding commitments which you will have to pay in the third and fifth congressional districts, so that we can determine what disbursements we will have for those two districts.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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October 14, 1964

Wiley Branton, Project Director
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Room 205
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Branton:

This letter will serve as a formal request for assistance to aid the South Carolina Voter Education Project in its activities during election month. I am submitting two (2) proposals to you; the smaller one represents the minimum amount needed to put on a professional get-out-the-vote campaign in South Carolina. The larger one represents the amount of money we could legitimately spend if we had it. Neither request should be regarded as inflexible, however, since so many variables are present in such an effort as we plan.

As you are aware, we are well organized for an adequate accounting of any sums we spend, particularly since we have established the state office in Columbia.

I have asked each Congressional District chairman to fill out a copy of the attached form, and my own estimates of the requested sums are drawn from a combination of this information and a breakdown of the total Negro vote in South Carolina, county-by-county.

Rejected 10/19/64 NAS

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The money will be spent for publicity, literature, and expense reimbursements for voter workshops in which voters will be taught the mechanics of voting in order to help them overcome their fear of voting as well as to attempt to lower the high rate of expected invalidated ballots.

The bulk of the money will be spent, however, on get-out-the-vote activities per se, with this again being spent on both publicity and expense reimbursements. The latter aspect is of prime importance as we have great difficulty obtaining vitally needed automobiles unless we are in a position to pay gasoline expenses.

Very truly yours,

Richard Miles(s)

Richard Miles

RM/sm

enclosures

cc: Dr. Charles H. Thomas (with encl.)

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING ELECTION MONTH

_____Congressional District

WORKSHOPS Counties:								Separate CD Expense
Printing Literature for Workshops								
Printing Publicity for Workshops								
Supplies								
Remuneration for Instructors @ $5 per Session*								
GET-OUT-THE-VOTE								
Printing Literature*								
Mailing*								
Posters, etc.								
Newspaper Ads, Radio								
Telephoning @ $1 hr.								
Secretary @ $1 hr.								
Office Supplies								
Long Distance Calls								
Mileage Allowance for VEP Workers @ 8¢ per mile*								
Allowance for Transporting voters to polls @ 25¢ per voter transported*								
Salaries for Poll Watchers @ $1 hr.								

* items are the most important. Please give as accurate a figure as possible of the money you would legitimately spend if you had it. Where no county organization exists, please include enough under the CD column to allow workers to cover this area. The CD column should also include extra expenses incurred in coordinating the efforts of the counties.

VEP BUDGET REQUEST $12,373.20

"Get-Out-The-Vote" Activities in South Carolina

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 2,453.20
Allendale	95.30	
Beaufort	269.40	
Berkeley	326.00	
Charleston	1,197.50	
Clarendon	97.20	
Colleton	198.30	
Dorchester	104.00	
Hampton	73.00	
Jasper	92.50	
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 2,947.70
Aiken	479.50	
Bamberg	82.60	
Barnwell	94.10	
Calhoun	37.30	
Lexington	97.80	
Orangeburg	567.80	
Richland	1,138.70	
Sumter	449.90	
THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 826.20
Abbeville	21.80	
Anderson	201.40	
Edgefield	131.90	
Greenwood	153.80	
McCormick	21.20	
Newberry	89.60	
Oconee	96.00	
Pickens	59.90	
Saluda	50.60	
FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 1,994.20
Greenville	1,118.90	
Laurens	243.10	
Spartanburg	632.20	
FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 1,552.60
Cherokee	118.00	
Chester	167.20	
Chesterfield	213.00	
Fairfield	151.60	
Kershaw	204.30	
Lancaster	135.20	
Union	179.40	
York	383.90	
SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 2,599.30
Darlington	421.30	
Dillon	187.40	
Florence	578.00	
Georgetown	239.30	
Horry	386.80	
Lee	131.60	
Marion	232.30	
Marlboro	147.10	
Williamsburg	275.50	

VEP BUDGET REQUEST $37,122.20

"Get-Out-The-Vote" Activities in South Carolina

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 7,361.60
Allendale	285.90	
Beaufort	808.20	
Berkeley	978.00	
Charleston	3,592.50	
Clarendon	291.60	
Colleton	594.90	
Dorchester	312.00	
Hampton	219.00	
Jasper	279.50	
SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 8,843.10
Aiken	1,438.50	
Bamberg	247.80	
Barnwell	282.30	
Calhoun	111.90	
Lexington	293.40	
Orangeburg	1,703.40	
Richland	3,416.10	
Sumter	1,349.70	
THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 2,478.00
Abbeville	65.40	
Anderson	604.20	
Edgefield	394.90	
Greenwood	461.40	
McCormick	63.60	
Newberry	268.80	
Oconee	288.00	
Pickens	179.90	
Saluda	151.80	
FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 5,982.80
Greenville	3,356.70	
Laurens	729.30	
Spartanburg	1,896.80	
FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 4,657.80
Cherokee	354.00	
Chester	501.60	
Chesterfield	639.00	
Fairfield	454.80	
Kershaw	612.90	
Lancaster	405.60	
Union	538.20	
York	1,151.70	
SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT		$ 7,798.90
Darlington	1,263.90	
Dillon	562.20	
Florence	1,734.00	
Georgetown	717.90	
Horry	1,160.40	
Lee	395.80	
Marion	696.90	
Marlboro	441.30	
Williamsburg	826.50	

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October 21, 1964

Rev. S.L. McCain
Rt. 1, Box 140
North Augusta,
South Carolina

Dear Rev. McCain:

Thank you for your letter of the 14th. I am sure that we will be able to pay most of the claims submitted. As I mentioned to you in our conversation of October 8th and 11th, however, I need a little more detail concerning these claims. Would it be possible for you to break the claims down into various parts? For example, instead of a straight $50 claim for a given individual, could you estimate this individuals claim based on the following model:

<u>Claims submitted by Mr. X of X County</u>

mileage @ $.08 per mile--250	$20.00
literature	15.00
postage	5.00
stationery	10.00
telephone calls	10.00
Total	$50.00

Also I would appreciate having any receipts you or your county chairmen may have concerning any of these items. I would also like to have samples of any literature or programs printed as well as copies of any newspaper articles or registration activities in the Third District.

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It is also extremely important that you fill in the enclosed chart to the best of your knowledge. I must have this information before I can close out your account with Atlanta.

I hope that your voter workshop activities and get-out-the-vote campaign meet with great success. I am enclosing copies of literature for distribution to your county chairmen and co-workers. The letters are to be delivered to as many ministers in the Third District as possible and preferably before Sunday, October 25th, and the Ten Point Program is for the use of community leaders in general. We have more of this material if you need it.

We are expecting a very large turn-out of people from the Third District for our State-wide meeting on October 25th. Please do not let us down.

Very truly yours,

Richard Miles

RM/sm

enclosures: 2 VEP monthly expense forms
Letters to ministers
Ten-Point Program for getting out the vote

cc: Wiley Branton
Dr. Charles Thomas

OCTOBER REPORT cc: Fr. Wiley Branton

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From: South Carolina Voter Education Project state office

To: Headquarters Committee of S.C. VEP

Date: October 26, 1964

Perhaps the most important activity of the month was the delegation's trip to Washington, D.C. A personal commentary on this trip was made to the state chairman and a copy is attached hereto and marked as Addendum B.

My relationship with state campaign officials remained ambiguous. Tom Chadwick, State Campaign Manager, does not seem to understand the significance of the facts which I have related to him. I have had difficulty seeing him, and many appointments have been broken. Calls are returned only sporadically, and the entire situation is complicated by my refusal to discuss matters of importance with Chadwick's assistant, Mr. Fawcett. This seeming stubbornness arises from my having gone into our program and anticipations with Mr. Fawcett at some length only to find that Chadwick knew nothing of the conversation a week later. We were promised 50,000 sample paper ballots for the Presidential election but were given only 30,000, and these were found to be pre-marked for Johnson. Since I do not want to jeapordize our non-partisanship, I have given the ballots to Rev. Newman, Field Secretary for the South Carolina NAACP, who will distribute them.

My strongest condemnation of Democrat Party officials is that they refuse to realize the urgent necessity for voter education. They seem to feel that only transportation problems are involved, and that these can be solved at the last minute. I am afraid that this is a tragic mistake, and that many of our new registrants will not vote in the coming election, not due to lack of partisan propaganda, or election-day transportation, but due to civic ignorance with a consequent fear of the voting process.

Nonetheless, the polarization of political issues on a national level may cause some of our people to vote who might otherwise be resistant. Verification of this conjecture will be possible only by careful study of representative precincts following the election.

On a state level, the VEP organization seems quite strong in the First and Sixth Congressional Districts, although Clarendon County in the First District still lacks a county chairman. Second District is strong on paper, but weak in practice. More work needs to be done in the lower half of Second, particularly considering the potential political force of the faculty, staff, and student body of State College. With the exceptions of Aiken County, the upper half of the Second District also needs work. Richland County, which is of obvious importance, suffers from a superflousity of chiefs while the indians remain unorganized. Attorney Finney of Sumter County has indicated a desire to cooperate more closely with the VEP organization. This will be followed up as quickly as possible.

Third District is in bad shape, both on paper and in the field. Rev. McCain does not seem to understand the requirements, practice, and potential of the task he has undertaken, and there seems to be

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little contact between Anderson in the north and Edgefield, Saluda, and McCormick in the south. Newberry has a chairman, but relatively nothing has been accomplished to date in the way of political organization.

Fourth District remains an unknown quantity. I confess my own negligence in not yet visiting this area. The problem of Fourth is complicated by old and new feuds, and I have not yet felt politically aware enough to actively participate in the affairs of this area.

Fifth District is perhaps the most exasperating one in the state. Mr. Haile seems to conceive of his task as being a sort of super-chairman of Kershaw County, since for practical purposes, the VEP organization does not extend much beyond Camden. This area has tremendous potential, and many of the individuals and community leaders I have met from this district are simply waiting for leadership. I have optimistic hopes for the extension of our organization in this district.

The situation I have described is better than it looks, since with a few exceptions we are strongest in areas of high density of Negro population and weakest in others. For various reasons these areas of weak organization have an overall history of high Democratic vote and the areas of strong organization are also those areas which have usually returned a majority vote for the more conservative candidates. Thus, our huge increase in voting strength has come precisely in those areas where it will be of maximum value, although it must be said that this increase has also caused a numerical increase in the white (and at the present time one may assume a conservative) registration.

I have attended various meetings during the last month. The more important of these being regular monthly meetings of the First and Sixth Congressional Districts. At the former meeting, I was able to meet Bernice Robinson of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, who has been of great importance in this district. I also met three full time volunteers from the American Friends Service Committee who will be working in community development in this district for the next two years. Two of these volunteers will be in St. George and the other will be in Sheldon. I am sure that we will be able to cooperate with these people and I hope to encourage the AFSC to send more. At the meeting of the Sixth Congressional District. I was able to meet Mr. Hunt of the Palmetto Voters' Association and Frank Robertson of CORE.

I asked Rev. McCain to call a meeting of community leaders in the Third District with the intention of putting together a get-out-the-vote campaign in counties which are not yet in the VEP organization. Unfortunately, the only representatives that attended were from organized counties, and these counties were also the only ones sending representatives to a mass meeting of the Third District held a few days later. This latter meeting was successful, if limited in scope of representatives. I was told that it was the largest VEP rally yet held in the Third. A resolution was passed at this meeting calling for ministers to take a more active role in politics, and copies of this resolution have been sent or given to approximately 400 key ministers in the state. The resolution was contained in a packet of material sent at the same time. A copy is attached herewith and marked as Addendum C.

In cooperation with Matthew Perry, I addressed a mass meeting of the Fifth Congressional District. I was told that this was also the largest VEP meeting yet held in the Fifth.

In cooperation with Ben Mack and Mrs. Septima Clark of Dorchester County SCLC, I attended a voter workshop and precinct organization meeting held in Newberry. Somewhat to his surprise, this meeting was also attended by J. Arthur Brown.

I have also attended two smaller meetings, to-wit the Job Opportunities Committee of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations and the Columbia Men's League. I have offered the services of the office to the former committee, and at the meeting of the latter group, I was able to meet Dr. Monteith of Columbia and Mr. Manseur of the Political Action Committee of the Columbia Branch of the National Alliance of Postal Employees. Mr. Ramseur offered to help us staff information booths in all post offices, but I am dubious of the legality of this and am proceeding with hasty caution.

I have also made tentative plans for staffing a voter information booth at the Colored State Fair, and in connection with this have secured the cooperation of Dr. Collins, State Fair Chairman, Mr. Leevy, Mrs. Simkins of the Richland County Citizen's Committee, Rev. Newman, Ben Mack, and Russ Campbell of the Inter-Collegiate affiliate of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. Mrs. Bumgardner of the League of Women Voters has been helpful in a vague sort of way. The League has no educational literature, but does have a very brief television film on the mechanics of the voting machine.

This month in addition to individuals mentioned above, I have established contact with Bishop C.A. Gibbs of the AME Church, Miss Carolyn Wright, Chairman of the Young Democrats at State College, Henry Sims, Chairman of the Orangeburg County Democratic Party organization.

Estimates of Negro voting strength in South Carolina have been released to reporters from Time Magazine and the U.S. News and World Report.

I have had lengthy personal interviews with Wiley Branton in Atlanta and Bill Kirkland in Columbia. Both of these involved matters of finance and were instrumental in clearing up mis-conceptions concerning our attempt to finance and conduct a get-out-the-vote campaign. Mr. Branton is particularly concerned over the relationship of the Southern Regional Council to our organization given what he understands as our unnecessary partisanship in this election. He also was fearful that our activities might jeapordize our attempt to gain complete tax exemption for future contributors. This is of particular importance in view of our hope to attract the financial support of philanthropic foundations, most of which would absolutely refuse to either be involved in partisan politics or to grant funds which were not tax deductible.

Bill Kirkland indicated his understanding that the national Democratic Party and AFL-CIO COPE had entered joint agreement to finance Negro get-out-the-vote efforts and that as soon as Fanny Neal of national COPE had completed her survey of our organization and others in South Carolina, we would be notified.

In conclusion, I would like to strongly urge that members of the Executive Committee be cautioned to guard their public and private remarks vis-a-vis financial matters and our relationship with the Democratic Party. A great many indiscrete and politically dangerous remarks have been made concerning these matters, and it is only with incredible luck that the Republican Party has not become publically aware of our operations. If our organization is not to go the way of the Progressive Democrats, I firmly believe that we must remain as non-partisan as possible. Let us regard our current relationship with the Democratic Party as a marriage of convenience and not as a life-long association. We have many long-time and unreconstructed Republicans in our ranks, and it is certainly not inconceivable that we will support Republican candidates in the future. Let us not place ourselves unnecessarily and dangerously in one camp or the other, but let us retain and strengthen our independence as a non-partisan political organization.

A financial report for the month of October is attached hereto and marked at Addendum A.

Addendum A

EXPENDITURES

October 1, 1964 - November 1, 1964

Salaries

Richard Miles ---------- $ 356.94

Withholdings:		
State Tax		$ 8.28
Federal Tax		$52.40
Social Security Tax		$15.71
		$76.39
Gross Salary		$433.33
Withholdings	-	$ 76.39
		$356.94

Sharon Miles ---------- $ 169.91

Withholdings:		
State Tax		$ 2.34
Federal Tax		$20.50
Social Security Tax		$ 7.25
		$30.09
Gross Salary		$200.00
Withholings	-	$30.09
Net		$169.91

Office Equipment

The R.L. Bryan Company---------- $ 257.50

Mimeograph Machine $257.50

Telephone---------- $ 64.30

September Bill $64.30

Postage---------- $ 60.00

1200 - 5¢ stamps

Travel---------- $ 121.92

1,524 miles at 8¢ per mile

Office Supplies

Lorick Office Equipment Co.---------- $ 69.27

Supplies $69.27

VEP, Atlanta---------- $ 46.25

1000 voucher checks $46.25

Capitol Printing Co.---------- $ 151.93

50,000 sample reg. applications $151.93

Claude Rhodes Printing Co., Inc.---------- $ 88.53

Letterhead & Envelopes $88.53

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER $1386.55

275,000 Voters in '66

The State + The Columbia Record 11/8/64

Negroes Establish Registration Goal

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By MONT MORTON
Governmental Affairs Staff

A Negro voter registration project in South Carolina is pushing toward a goal of 275,000 registered Negro voters in time for the 1965 elections.

Richard Miles, field director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, said the organization is beginning immediately to establish voter education schools in the few — about five or six — upstate counties not already having such projects.

Negro voter registration in South Carolina has almost doubled since 1960, and Miles says "an educated estimate" of current Negro registration ranges from 145,000 to 165,000.

There are about 375,000 Negroes of voting age in the state, Miles said, meaning current registration is only about 45 or 50 per cent of the eligible number.

Total state voter registration at present is about 820,000. Approximately 525,000 votes were cast by South Carolinians in last week's presidential election.

A former Marine, Miles is a Quaker who holds a master's degree in government from the University of Indiana. He is working under a one - year contract with SCVEP. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Miles explained that continuation of the Voter Education Project begun several years ago by the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta. The council's sponsorship of South Carolina's program ended Oct. 5.

As under the Southern Regional Council's sponsorship, Miles stresses SCVEP is "deffinitely non- partisan." The state organization is "not strong, centrally controlled" he said, but instead is based on coordinated efforts of a federation of county organizations.

SCVEP, Miles added, "does not claim to be a political machine and has no intentions of becoming one."

Financial support for the program, he said, is based on a voluntary system of assessments levied on the respective counties, based on the Negro population in each county.

"We're doing pretty well with our fund-raising," Miles reported, noting that McCormick County has already paid its full assessment.

"We are concerned with setting up voter education schools in each county," he said. Using sample registration blanks, trained volunteers in each county will teach mechanics of voter registration.

"County organizations will conduct sustained registration drives on an indefinte basis."

"As for cooperation with other groups working toward the same goal in South Carolina — such as the Palmetto State Voters Association — Miles said "we are willing to work with anyone who represent a responsible political entity in a given county."

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November 12, 1964

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Voter Education Project
Room 205, 5 Forsyth St., N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I am enclosing the narrative report submitted by J.W. McPherson in Orangeburg. I don't think Mr. McPherson quite understood what you wanted, but perhaps his report will be of value, and if you need more specific information, you might write him again.

I have seen Mr. Haile of the Fifth Congressional District, and I am enclosing a financial release which should enable us to transfer the remaining $1000.00 allocated to the Fifth Congressional District to the state account. I am in the process of compiling the narrative report for the Fifth, and I will send this to you as quickly as possible. I will be in Durham for the Southern Political Science Association conference for the rest of this week, and next Monday I will attend the regular meeting of the Fifth.

I had arranged to visit Rev. McCain of the Third Congressional District last Sunday, but we were unable to keep this appointment. I will see him as soon as possible concerning both his financial status and the narrative report.

I am quite sorry for the delay, and I hope you are not too inconvenienced by it.

Sincerely yours,

Dick

Richard Miles

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This is to certify that as of the Eleventh day of NOVEMBER, 1964, all financial claims from the Fifth Congressional District South Carolina Voter Education Project to the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council have been satisfied and that there are no further claims to be presented.

R.H. Haile

R.H. Haile
Chairman
Fifth Congressional District
South Carolina Voter Education Project

December 17, 1964

Mr. J. R. Palmer
304 South Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Mr. Palmer:

We normally require weekly financial reporting from all of our projects, but agreed to change yours to a monthly basis since checks are written only once each month. Your financial accounting is seriously delinquent with us, and this places us in jeopardy with Internal Revenue. Will you please rush us an up-to-date financial reporting at once and then see that we get prompt reporting on a monthly basis as long as you have any VEP funds on hand.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

Phone call made by WAB to Palmer 12/29/64.

Financial + progress reported rec'd by Spec. Del. 12/30/64

December 2, 1964

Mr. Richard Miles
South Carolina Voter Project
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Dick:

We have received no financial reporting from your South Carolina Voter Project in quite some time. You told me that you were only writing checks once per month, but it has been well over a month since we received any accounting, and I wish you would bring this up-to-date at once.

It would be helpful if you would also tell me something of the immediate plans of the South Carolina Voter Project, and give me some indication of what the organization has been doing in the way of raising finances.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. R. J. Palmer

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December 30, 1964

Mr. Richard Miles, Field Director
South Carolina Voter Project
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Dick:

We are greatly relieved by the receipt in the morning mail of the financial and progress reporting for the South Carolina Voter Project for the months of October, November, and December. I had phoned Bob Palmer yesterday, and he assured me that the reports would be received today.

I explained to Mr. Palmer that we will require and expect monthly financial accounting as long as you have any of our funds on hand, and he has promised to get this to us promptly in the future.

I am at a loss to understand the reason for the delay in the progress reporting since apparently this is something which you prepared, and which did not need to have anything done to it by Mr. Palmer. It would expedite things for us if you would send the progress reporting to us each month yourself so that we can keep up with the activities of your organization.

When we made the grant to the South Carolina VEP on August 31, 1964, we earmarked $2,000 of the $4,000 grant for work in the Third and Fifth congressional districts ". . . where meaningful programs can be conducted." Your organization is hereby authorized to spend the remainder of the grant entirely on your state office operations, and perhaps this will tide you over until you can raise additional funds locally. I

would be interested in knowing what success you have met with in raising local funds, and whether or not you had to use any portion of the grant you received from the Presbyterians.

We have now closed all of our accounts with the various congressional districts in South Carolina with the exception of the Sixth District where we have permitted Dr. Beck to spend the remainder of the funds given him several months ago. We would prefer that there be no publicity outside your group regarding this authorization to use VEP funds on hand since we have required most of the other projects to make a refund on all unexpended funds.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Dr. C. H. Thomas
Mr. R. J. Palmer

In presenting you with this copy of voting and population statistics, I would like to express certain reservations concerning its use.

Material in this brochure is purely objective and is designed solely for your information conerning various factors capable of influencing the outcome of the 1964 Presidential election in South Carolina. Reproduction of this material in whole or in part is expressly prohibited; you are expected to retain possession of the brochure at all times and the information contained in it is not to be released to the press or broadcasting media.

You should not assume that no organizational work has been done in those counties not reporting registration statistics. As you probably know, registration statistics are difficult to obtain in South Carolina, and many of our people still lack an adequate understanding of the great importance of collecting these figures. Active programs are being conducted in most of these counties for which we have sparse written information and with help from the state office, these areas will soon bring their written reports up to the standard achieved by other counties in the state.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles

Richard Miles, Director
South Carolina Voter
Education Project

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INCOMPLETE VOTING AND REGISTRATION STATISTICS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

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ESTIMATED REGISTRATION FIGURES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

	# Registered in 1960	# Registered in 1964	Increase in # Registered from 1960-1964	% of Increase
Negro	58,122	151,253 (by 9/30/64)	93,131 (by 9/30/64)	160.23%
White	480,973	635,346 (by 8/3/64)	154,373 (by 8/3/64)	32.09%

Estimated Number of Negroes Registered by April 1, 1964..... 127,000

April Registration..... 2,608
13 counties not reporting

May Registration..... 4,634
11 counties not reporting

June Registration..... 1,451
Books closed in most counties due to primary

July Registration..... 1,533
25 counties not reporting

August Registration..... 9,109
14 counties not reporting

September Registration..... 4,918
20 counties not reporting
Some counties reporting show incomplete figures due to books being kept open through October 3.

INCOMPLETE NUMBER OF NEGROES REGISTERED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1964 151,253

VEP REGISTRATION FIGURES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

VEP two-year total as of 4/1/64 32,140

March	2,519		
April	2,608		
May	4,634		
June	1,451		
July	1,533		
August	9,109		
September	4,918		
	26,772	.....	26,772
		Total as of 9/30/64	58,912

*Congressional Quarterly estimates as of 9/1/64:

Negro:	144,000	up 147.8% from 1960
White:	703,000	up 46.2% from 1960

*Published in September report, 9/28/64.

1964 NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Month	Number Registered
January	5,216
February	3,306
March	2,519
April	2,608
May	4,634
June	1,451
July	1,533
August	9,109
September	4,918
	35,294

1964 NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

First Congressional District

County	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	TOTAL
Allendale	10	14	20	41	39	5	15*	160	109*	413
Beaufort	110	30	160	45	68	b.c.[1]	135*	135	25*	708
Berkeley	10	24	26	71	220	42	42*	361	51*	847
Charleston	39		82	74	166		39*	992[2]	306*	1698
Clarendon	27	11	32	10	21	42	42*	107	66*	358
Colleton	97	105	93	63	132		106*	119*	33*	748
Dorchester	25	19	27	39	10	8	28*	120	52*	328
Hampton	21	7	51	52	51	10	10*	44	34*	280
Jasper	55	46	24	15	39	11	11	8	27*	236
TOTALS	394	256	515	410	746	118	428	2046	703	5616

*indicates that these figures have been confirmed by telephone but a written report has yet to be submitted to the VEP.

[1] b.c. means books closed.

[2] This does not include 237 address changes and duplications.

1964 NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Second Congressional District

County	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	TOTAL
Aiken	187	41	112	153	58			609*	343*	1533
Bamberg	41	19			116		b.c.[1]	85	25*	286
Barnwell	4	11			68			35	24*	142
Calhoun		17	3	4	8		10	123	34*	199
Lexington	14	6	51					397*		468
Orangeburg	71	58	58	143	558	b.c.	147	673	250	2263
Richland	191	119	172					1077*	740*	2299
Sumter	123	99	147							369
TOTALS	631	400	543	300	808		157	2999	1416	7254

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1964 NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Third Congressional District

County	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	TOTAL
Abbeville										
Anderson						130[1]		110		240
Edgefield					583	66				649
Greenwood						450[2]				450
McCormick						162[2]				162
Newberry										
Oconee										
Pickens										
Saluda						190[3]				190
TOTALS					583	998		110		1691

[1] This figure covers June 1 through July 20.

[2] This figure covers January through June.

[3] This figure covers April through June.

1964 NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Fourth Congressional District

County	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	TOTAL
Greenville[1]	2400	1269[2]		380[3]				300	300*	4649
Laurens								1000[4]		1000
Spartanburg	125	97	66	109	155			600		1152
TOTALS	2525	1366	66	489	155			1900	300	6801

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[1]NAACP program through April.

[2]This figure covers January 26 through March 1.

[3]This figure covers March 1 through April 16.

[4]This is only a tentative report figure.

1964 NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Fifth Congressional District[1]

County	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	TOTAL
Cherokee	79	41	50	52	69			25		316
Chester	70	72	78	113	117			242		692
Chesterfield	117	70	65	88	139					479
Fairfield	76	30	69	36	115			190		516
Kershaw	110	110	131	116	149			53[2]*		669
Lancaster	64	35	59	32	69					259
Union	96	81	75	76	142					470
York	164	131	136	100	160			134		825
TOTALS	776	570	663	613	960			644		4226

*indicates that this figure has been confirmed by telephone but a written report has yet to be submitted to the VEP.

[1]CORE program for January through April.

[2]This figure covers August 1 through September 18.

1964 NEGRO VOTER REGISTRATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Sixth Congressional District[1]

County	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	TOTAL
Darlington	144	134	80	143	16	b.c.[2]	109	46	97*	769
Dillon	72	47	62	39	234	b.c.	170	25*	19*	668
Florence	166	94	111	116	205	161	203	307*	564*	1927
Georgetown	153	94	129	114	128	b.c.	89	47	128*	882
Horry	74	80	80	90	309	b.c.	110	80	815*	1638
Lee	71	52	73	60	12	10	52	10	34*	374
Marion	88	84	69	45	159	164	94	84	164*	951
Marlboro	29	28	42	38	5	b.c.	49	407*	128*	726
Williamsburg	93	101	86	151	314	b.c.	72	404	550*	1771
TOTALS	890	714	732	796	1382	335	948	1410	2499	9706

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[1] CORE program for January through April.

[2] b.c. means books closed.

COUNTIES IN SOUTH CAROLINA WITH LESS THAN 15% OF ELIGIBLE NEGROES REGISTERED PRIOR TO JULY 5, 1963[1]

C.D.	County	Non-Whites Over 21	Non-Whites Registered	% of Non-Whites Registered	Whites Over 21	Whites Registered	% of Whites Registered
FIRST		26,542	2,001	7.5	27,789	20,446	75.3
	Allendale	3,205	140	4.4	2,531	2,419	91.6
	Clarendon	7,735	359	4.6	5,223	3,792	72.6
	Colleton	6,180	735	11.9	8,203	5,695	69.4
	Dorchester	5,370	412	7.7	7,121	5,330	74.9
	Hampton	4,052	355	8.8	4,711	3,210	68.1
SECOND		41,310	4,936	10.3	71,530	35,015	43.9
	Bamberg	3,807	393	10.3	4,371	3,267	75.0
	Lexington	4,762	213	4.5	28,774	14,106	49.0
	Orangeburg	17,355	2,200	12.7	16,381	10,068	61.5
	Sumter	15,386	2,130	13.8	22,004	7,574	34.4
THIRD		25,628	2,287	6.7	75,761	43,434	63.5
	Abbeville	3,215	118	3.7	8,733	5,420	62.1
	Edgefield	3,764	270	7.2	4,103	3,267	79.4
	Greenwood	6,764	838	12.4	19,218	10,844	56.4
	McCormick	2,248	50	2.2	1,915	1,399	63.1
	Newberry	4,954	496	10.0	12,204	7,934	66.2
	Pickens	2,356	299	12.7	24,015	10,435	43.5
	Saluda	2,327	216	9.3	5,573	4,135	74.2
FOURTH		6,313	931	13.7	19,415	10,102	52.0
	Laurens	6,313	931	13.7	19,415	10,102	52.0

[1] Congressional Quarterly, week ending July 5, 1963, p. 1093.

Counties with less than 15% of eligible Negroes registered prior to July 5, 1963.

C.D.	County	Non-Whites Over 21	Non-Whites Registered	% of Non-Whites Registered	Whites Over 21	Whites Registered	% of Whites Registered
FIFTH		5,664	680	12.0	11,172	8,463	75.8
	Chester	5,664	680	12.0	11,172	8,463	75.8
SIXTH		58,250	5,933	19.0	72,944	48,299	70.8
	Dillon	5,529	816	14.8	8,725	4,924	57.6
	Florence	15,951	1,863	11.7	27,047	16,090	59.5
	Georgetown	7,173	911	12.7	8,855	4,667	52.7
	Lee	5,446	742	13.6	4,394	4,166	94.6
	Marion	7,684	972	12.6	8,103	5,280	65.2
	Marlboro	5,932	395	6.7	8,230	7,016	85.2
	Williamsburg	10,535	234	2.2	7,590	6,156	81.1
TOTAL		163,707	16,768	10.2	278,611	165,759	59.4

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO AUGUST 3, 1964[1]

C.D.	County	# of Precincts	# of Registered Voters
FIRST		209	120,315
	Allendale	11	3,257
	Beaufort	11	8,165
	Berkeley	26	13,065
	Charleston	57	63,474
	Clarendon	24	4,519
	Colleton	35	9,387
	Dorchester	16	9,056
	Hampton	20	5,612
	Jasper	9	3,780
SECOND		261	170,750
	Aiken	41	36,266
	Bamberg	13	5,404
	Barnwell	15	8,008
	Calhoun	12	2,946
	Lexington	48	23,071
	Orangeburg	46	20,098
	Richland	56	60,940
	Sumter	30	14,017
THIRD		322	113,375
	Abbeville	25	7,184
	Anderson	73	35,226
	Edgefield	17	4,623
	Greenwood	33	16,264
	McCormick	14	2,210
	Newberry	50	11,471
	Oconee	43	13,596
	Pickens	35	16,851
	Saluda	32	5,950

[1]This is the last state-wide list of registered voters to be released by the South Carolina Secretary of State prior to the November, 1964, election.

Total Number of Registered Voters in South Carolina to August 3, 1964.

C.D.	County	# of Precincts	# of Registered Voters
FOURTH		262	139,433
	Greenville	106	67,035
	Laurens	46	13,453
	Spartanburg	110	58,945
FIFTH		277	114,280
	Cherokee	37	15,260
	Chester	32	12,217
	Chesterfield	31	11,704
	Fairfield	21	6,275
	Kershaw	38	11,881
	Lancaster	47	18,065
	Union	29	14,510
	York	42	24,368
SIXTH		280	114,419
	Darlington	40	15,881
	Dillon	20	8,909
	Florence	39	25,590
	Georgetown	31	10,978
	Horry	65	22,001
	Lee	24	5,521
	Marion	14	7,351
	Marlboro	14	8,352
	Williamsburg	33	9,836

1960 CENSUS

White/Non-White Population Over 21 Years

C.D.	County	Total Non-White Population	Total White Population	Total Population
FIRST		80,240	130,607	210,847
	*Allendale	3,205	2,531	5,736
	Beaufort	7,247	12,098	19,345
	Charleston	35,499	10,122	17,241
	*Clarendon	7,735	5,223	12,958
	Colleton	6,180	8,203	14,383
	Dorchester	5,370	7,121	12,491
	Hampton	4,052	4,711	8,763
	*Jasper	3,333	2,689	6,022
SECOND		90,594	192,501	283,095
	Aiken	10,040	33,646	43,686
	Bamberg	3,807	4,371	8,178
	Barnwell	3,242	5,652	8,894
	*Calhoun	3,318	2,623	5,941
	Lexington	4,782	28,774	33,556
	*Orangeburg	17,355	16,381	33,736
	Richland	32,670	79,050	111,720
	Sumter	15,380	22,004	37,384
THIRD		37,456	143,065	180,521
	Abbeville	3,215	8,733	11,948
	Anderson	9,598	47,542	57,140
	Edgefield	3,764	4,103	7,867
	Greenwood	6,764	19,218	25,982
	*McCormick	2,248	1,915	4,163
	Newberry	4,954	12,204	17,158
	Oconee	2,230	19,762	21,992
	Pickens	2,355	24,015	26,371
	Saluda	2,327	5,573	7,900

*indicates counties in which the majority of the population is non-white.

1960 Census: White/Non-White Population Over 21 Years.

C.D.	County	Total Non-White Population	Total White Population	Total Population
FOURTH		42,470	195,457	237,927
	Greenville	18,605	102,365	210,970
	Laurens	6,818	19,775	26,593
	Spartanburg	17,047	73,317	90,364
FIFTH		45,665	115,779	161,444
	Cherokee	3,360	16,037	19,397
	Chester	6,264	10,572	16,836
	Chesterfield	5,219	12,099	17,318
	*Fairfield	5,536	4,975	10,511
	Kershaw	5,903	11,258	17,161
	Lancaster	4,762	16,213	20,975
	Union	4,125	12,826	16,951
	York	10,196	31,799	41,995
SIXTH		75,579	117,128	192,707
	Darlington	9,900	16,706	26,606
	Dillon	5,529	8,725	14,254
	Florence	15,951	27,047	10,511
	Georgetown	7,173	8,855	16,028
	Horry	7,429	27,508	34,937
	*Lee	5,446	4,394	9,840
	Marion	7,684	8,103	15,787
	Marlboro	5,932	8,230	14,162
	*Williamsburg	10,535	7,560	18,095
TOTAL FOR SOUTH CAROLINA		372,004	894,537	1,266,541

*indicates counties in which the majority of the population is non-white.

1960 CENSUS

Urban/Suburban/Rural Population in South Carolina

C.D.	URBAN	% of State Pop.	SUBURBAN	% of State Pop.	RURAL	% of State Pop.
FIRST	65,925	15.6	94,188	22.3	261,365	62.0
SECOND	97,433	18.3	77,996	14.7	356,126	67.0
THIRD	None	0	None	0	318,809	100
FOURTH	66,188	14.9	60,699	13.7	317,343	71.4
FIFTH	None	0	None	0	272,220	100
SIXTH	None	0	None	0	394,302	100
Total	229,546	9.6	232,883	9.8	1,920,165	80.6

SOUTH CAROLINA SENATORIAL ELECTION - 1962[1]

C.D.	OLIN D. JOHNSTON Democrat: Popular Vote	% of Popular Vote	W.D. WORKMAN Republican: Popular Vote	% of Popular Vote
FIRST	27,344	50.5	26,786	49.5
SECOND	36,445	47.9	39,706	52.1
THIRD	29,244	68.0	13,774	32.0
FOURTH	34,029	57.9	24,711	42.1
FIFTH	24,005	67.4	11,596	32.6
SIXTH	27,635	61.4	17,357	38.6
Total	(178,702) 178,712 (sic)	57.2	133,930	42.8

[1] Congressional Quarterly Almanac, Vol. XIX, 1963, pp. 1154-55.

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - 1960[1]

C.D.	JOHN KENNEDY Popular Vote	% of Popular Vote	Plurality Gained	RICHARD NIXON Popular Vote	% of Popular Vote	Plurality Gained	TOTAL VOTE
FIRST	28,899	39.8		36,146	60.2	12,247	60,045
SECOND	31,808	37.9		52,174	62.1	20,366	83,982
THIRD	35,144	64.1	15,495	19,649	35.9		35,144
FOURTH	43,886	53.0	5,010	38,876	47.0		82,762
FIFTH	33,182	64.8	15,510	18,032	35.2		51,214
SIXTH	30,210	56.1	6,529	23,681	43.9		53,891
TOTAL	198,129	51.2	9,571	188,558	48.8		386,687

[1] Congressional Quarterly Almanac, Vol. XVII, 1961, pp. 1067-68.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES DURING ELECTION MONTH

_____Congressional District

WORKSHOPS Counties:								Separate CD Expense
Printing Literature for Workshops								
Printing Publicity for Workshops								
Supplies								
Remuneration for Instructors @ $5 per Session*								
GET-OUT-THE-VOTE								
Printing Literature*								
Mailing*								
Posters, etc.								
Newspaper Ads, Radio								
Telephoning @ $1 hr.								
Secretary @ $1 hr.								
Office Supplies								
Long Distance Calls								
Mileage Allowance for VEP Workers @ 8¢ per mile*								
Allowance for Transporting voters to polls @ 25¢ per voter transported*								
Salaries for Poll Watchers @ $1 hr.								

* items are the most important. Please give as accurate a figure as possible of the money you would legitimately spend if you had it. Where no county organization exists, please include enough under the CD column to allow workers to cover this area. The CD column should also include extra expenses incurred in coordinating the efforts of the counties.

M E M O R A N D U M January 6, 1965

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Report on Accounting of VEP 4-45
(South Carolina VEP)

Grant:		$4000.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Prom. & Print.	$ 198.18	
Fix. & Equip.	575.71	
Office Rent	600.00	
Office Supplies	433.95	
Postage	134.68	
Salaries	2107.44	
Tel. & Tel.	363.23	
Trav. & Trans.	312.08	4725.27
Overaccounted		($ 725.27)

This project ended its reporting with their check #0080.

jl

FINANCIAL COPY

January 14, 1965

Mr. R. J. Palmer
Palmer Memorial Chapel
304 South Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina 29150 RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Bob:

In view of the fact that your expenses have been in excess of $4,000, we will consider them as all having come from your VEP account, and it therefore will no longer be necessary for you to send us any financial reports.

We would still like for you to keep us informed as to your fund-raising activities so that we can keep up with your progress, and we would like to get periodic reports from Dick Miles.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Dr. C. H. Thomas
Mr. Richard Miles

FINANCIAL COPY

January 11, 1965

Mr. R. J. Palmer
Palmer Memorial Chapel
305 South Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina 29150 RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Bob:

In examining a report from our Fiscal Assistant, it appears that you have overaccounted to us in the amount of $725.27 beyond the $4,000 grant. Does this mean that you have used up the VEP grant and are now using your own funds, or perhaps funds from the Presbyterian grant? Please let us hear from you regarding this matter because if you have used all of your VEP funds, then it will no longer be necessary for you to account to us concerning your finances.

I am asking Dick Miles to keep us posted regarding the general activities just so we can keep up with what is taking place in your state.

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cc: Dr. C. H. Thomas
Mr. Richard Miles

PALMER MEMORIAL CHAPEL

773-3383 — AREA CODE 803 304 SOUTH MAIN STREET SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA — 29150

January 13, 1965

JAN 14 1965

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Re: VEP 4-45

Dear Wiley:

In your letter of August 31 to Dr. C. H. Thomas you specified that $2,000.00 of the $4,000.00 you sent me was to be retained for the third and fifth districts. Accordingly I set aside the $2,000.00 until I received your letter of December 30, addressed to Dick Miles, at which time I released this amount from inactive status.

In the meantime, however, we tried to make ends meet with other funds including the Presbyterian grant. It appears to me that it depends on the way you look at it for it is primarily a matter of bookkeeping, as to weather or not we have used all of the VEP funds sent us.

I am, indeed, sorry that I did not get to Columbia last Sunday in time to see you or hear you. I understand that we have not had a message equal to the one you delivered in quite some time.

With warm personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

R. J. Palmer

RJP:dh
cc: Dr. C. H. Thomas, Jr.
Mr. Richard Miles

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Tel. & Tel.	363.23	
Trav. & Trans.	312.08	4725.27
Overaccounted		($ 725.27)

This project ended its reporting with their check #0039.

jl

FINANCIAL

December 30, 1964

Mr. Richard Miles, Field Director
South Carolina Voter Project
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Dick:

We are greatly relieved by the receipt in the morning mail of the financial and progress reporting for the South Carolina Voter Project for the months of October, November, and December. I had phoned Bob Palmer yesterday, and he assured me that the reports would be received today.

I explained to Mr. Palmer that we will require and expect monthly financial accounting as long as you have any of our funds on hand, and he has promised to get this to us promptly in the future.

I am at a loss to understand the reason for the delay in the progress reporting since apparently this is something which you prepared, and which did not need to have anything done to it by Mr. Palmer. It would expedite things for us if you would send the progress reporting to us each month yourself so that we can keep up with the activities of your organization.

When we made the grant to the South Carolina VEP on August 31, 1964, we earmarked $2,000 of the $4,000 grant for work in the Third and Fifth congressional districts ". . . where meaningful programs can be conducted." Your organization is hereby authorized to spend the remainder of the grant entirely on your state office operations, and perhaps this will tide you over until you can raise additional funds locally. I

would be interested in knowing what success you have met with in raising local funds, and whether or not you had to use any portion of the grant you received from the Presbyterians.

We have now closed all of our accounts with the various congressional districts in South Carolina with the exception of the Sixth District where we have permitted Dr. Beck to spend the remainder of the funds given him several months ago. We would prefer that there be no publicity outside your group regarding this authorization to use VEP funds on hand since we have required most of the other projects to make a refund on all unexpended funds.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Dr. C. M. Thomas
Mr. R. J. Palmer

December 17, 1964

Mr. J. R. Palmer
304 South Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Mr. Palmer:

We normally require weekly financial reporting from all of our projects, but agreed to change yours to a monthly basis since checks are written only once each month. Your financial accounting is seriously delinquent with us, and this places us in jeopardy with Internal Revenue. Will you please rush us an up-to-date financial reporting at once and then see that we get prompt reporting on a monthly basis as long as you have any VEP funds on hand.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

FINANCIAL

December 2, 1964

Mr. Richard Miles
South Carolina Voter Project
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

RE: VEP 4-45

Dear Dick:

We have received no financial reporting from your South Carolina Voter Project in quite some time. You told me that you were only writing checks once per month, but it has been well over a month since we received any accounting, and I wish you would bring this up-to-date at once.

It would be helpful if you would also tell me something of the immediate plans of the South Carolina Voter Project, and give me some indication of what the organization has been doing in the way of raising finances.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. R. J. Palmer

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Mr. Wiley Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 205
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley,

Just a note of appreciation for your whirlwind appearance in the sovereign state of South Carolina. After having survived the onslaught of your speech, I am fiercely determined to have you back at an opportune moment.

Your speech was precisely the kind that I had intended to give next September when I shall probably be leaving the VEP. I think it is perfectly obvious that your speech transcended the usual kind delivered on these occasions, and I want you to know that I certainly appreciated it. As you are probably well aware, many of the people of whom you were speaking were in the audience, and I hope they were startled into the beginnings of self-appraisal.

I am enclosing the narrative report for December. I had intended to give it to you when you were here but did not get the chance. From now on, we will send all the narratives directly to you, usually sometime in the last week of each month, but the financial report will continue to come from Bob Palmer, who must approve our report first.

in Lawyers files

Despite exhortations intended to prevent such an occurrence, we have suffered a momentary lapse in the collection of monthly registration statistics. This is primarily the fault of the district chairmen, and I hope the situation will be alleviated following the series of regional conferences scheduled for January and February.

Very truly yours,

Dick
Richard Miles

RM:sm
enclosure

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Materials bought
by Jack Miles
on 2/11/65

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VEB 4-45
Research

For Wiley Branton

DECEMBER REPORT

From: South Carolina Voter Education Project state office

To: Headquarters Committee of S.C. VEP

Date: January 4, 1965

A financial report for the month of December is attached and marked as Addendum A.

Due to the inevitable let-down following a Presidential election as well as the presence of the holiday season, December was perhaps the month of lowest political activity. I sent out a letter to all county chairmen urging continued activity due to the three day registration period in December, but I am afraid this fell on deaf ears.

I have met a total refusal of county chairmen to forward monthly report forms. While some of this is due to my failure to visit more county meetings, it seems that the bulk of the burden must fall upon the district chairmen. If district chairmen hold monthly meetings (and they do not), and if they press county chairmen for these absolutely vital statistics, then this necessary task will be done. If they do not, then it will not. The Field Director should not be considered a substitute for an active district chairman. He can help them and can offer suggestions or criticism, but he cannot perform their functions.

I hope that the forthcoming series of regional workshops will help alleviate this situation. Plans have been made and letters sent to the appropriate people in the First and Second Congressional Districts concerning the first regional workshop at Frogmore. Mr. Wilbur Hobby, the regional director of COPE, will lead a discussion section as will Matthew Perry. A tentative program is attached and marked as Addendum B.

In December I attended the regular meeting of the Fairfield County organization and also led a discussion at the regular meeting of the York County organization in Rock Hill. The latter body seems to be getting off to a fine start, and there is a strong possibility of the American Friends Service Committee holding a citizenship education project there this summer. A meeting was also held in Richland County under the auspices of Mr. Leevy, the VEP county chairman, Mrs. Simkins of the Richland County Citizens Committee, Mr. Mack of SCLC and Rev. Whitaker, whose political influence is local. A decision has been made to organize a federation of independent school district organizations, each of which will include six or seven precinct committees. It is extremely difficult to try and coordinate existing activities and extend new ones in Richland County. Some sort of summer project may be necessary to present the multiplicity of leadership with a fait d'accompli of intensive voter registration. I am extremely pessimistic about the possibility of obtaining Richland County's assessment.

Together with Mr. James of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, I attended a meeting of Williamsburg County civic leaders, most of whom were memebers of the rather independent Williamsburg County Voters League. I understand that this organization made a contribution of $300.00 to the Democratic National Committee, although I did not learn this until after the election.

I attended the December meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Conference of Branches of the NAACP. A resolution was passed at this meeting calling for increased cooperation between NAACP and VEP. At this meeting I was appointed to the Legislation Committee of the NAACP. I encouraged the two AFSC VISA volunteers in Dorchester County to present the case for NAACP involvement in Dorchester County. They did so and steps have been taken to insure such involvement. I attended a meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, with Bob Sigmon, Director of the U.S. VISA program concerning the possibility of additional volunteers being placed in South Carolina. The results were negative. Mr. Sigmon seems unwilling to understand the exigencies of the political and racial situation in South Carolina.

I conducted a public lecture and question and answer session at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, while there on a visit. This was presented by the Indiana University NAACP and the Bloomington Young Friends, a student Quaker group.

At the NAACP state youth conference in Columbia, I led a discussion section on the involvement of youth in political activity. This was attended by a mass audience of five.

I was visited by a Mr. Feeny of SCLC who in conjunction with Esau Jenkins of Charleston is gathering statistics on approximately twenty-five low country counties preparatory, I presume, to an SCLC registration drive in those counties. I have made definite plans to attend the February SCLC citizenship education teachers school to be held at Dorchester Center in McIntosh, Georgia. I hope this will give me a better understanding of the aims of SCLC in South Carolina. I also hope to open up the presently blocked channels of communication between SCLC and the S.C. VEP. SCLC will pay most of my expenses, and this will be subtracted from my mileage voucher next month.

As directed by the Executive Committee, I have forwarded the names and addresses of the members of the Executive Committee to the Democratic National Committee for consideration for tickets to the Inauguration.

re: December VEP report

In answer to Judge Howard Bennett's written request, I have forwarded him a list of get-out-the-vote workers in South Carolina.

A good deal of time has been consumed in preparation for the state-wide meeting scheduled for January 10th. Five hundred large posters have been distributed throughout the state with approximately 200 being placed in Richland County. At least 1,000 fliers have been distributed and letters have been written to approximately 500 ministers of various denominations. NAACP branch presidents have been contacted, and of course the usual VEP channels have been used repeatedly. The radio and press have also been utilized as have personal calls on ministers and door drops in Columbia. If Dr. Henry's schedule permits, we plan to hold a reception for him. Personal invitations will be sent to the state's civic leaders.

In conjunction with the instructions of the Executive Committee, preliminary steps have been taken to secure the services of Sammy Davis, Jr. for a VEP benefit performance in Charleston. This should take place in early May.

Addendum B

Tentative Schedule

VEP Regional Workshop
for
First and Second Congressional Districts

Penn Center, Frogmore, South Carolina
Friday, January 15, 1965

Dinner (Courtesy Beaufort County Voters League)	6:00-7:20
First Session - Wilbur Hobby "Precinct Organization and Grass Roots Politics"	7:30-8:30
Second Session - Matthew J. Perry "Legal Aspects of Voter Registration and Political Action"	8:35-9:20
Third Session - VEP Executive Committee "Questions and Answers"	9:30-10:20

Those who desire overnight accomodations may stay at Penn Center for Fifty Cents (50¢).

FILL IN THIS BLANK AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO: Richard Miles
2022 Taylor St.
Columbia, S.C.

I will attend the workshop or send a responsible proxy.

____ YES ____ NO

I will be at Penn Center for the 6:00 dinner.

____ YES ____ NO

I will stay at Penn Center overnight.

____ YES ____ NO

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

1965 Program

Richard Miles, Field Director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, announced the VEP program for 1965 to a state-wide meeting of the organization at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, January 10th.

In the area of voter registration, the VEP will shift its concentration from the already-established county organizations to the area of precinct organization. A survey already well under way will be completed showing the percentage of eligible Negroes registered in every precinct of the state. Although the primary function of the VEP is to coordinate a county-by-county campaign of voter registration, special emphasis will be given those counties and precincts which have particularly low ratios of registered voters to adult population.

In calling for the removal of certain restrictions from the electoral code, Miles stated that it is physically impossible to register all of the qualified Negroes in some counties due to the method of registration called for by present law. In most counties, registration is limited to one eight-hour period on the first Monday of each month. The VEP called for the extension of this minimum to three days which the law now requires only for election years. The VEP called for an extension of the minimum period of registration to 5½ days in election years.

Miles also stated the need for a regulation allowing for the last person in the registration line at closing time to register. This would be similar to the practice presently followed in voting.

The VEP also proposed the elimination of the state literacy requirement. Miles cited the primacy of radio and television as a means of communication in South Carolina. Claiming that this requirement was a penalty for segregation levied on the victims of segregation, Miles said that this requirement discriminated against Negroes due to the inferior education they have received in the past in South Carolina. In 1955, in a attempt to forestall school integration, the state legislature abolished the compulsory school attendance law. The economic facts of life in South Carolina force many Negro families to keep their children out of school or to send them intermittently, thereby perpetuating a high rate of illiteracy among Negroes in the state.

To handle the large increase in registered voters in the last few years, Miles called for the creation of additional voting precincts and the equalization in size of existing ones.

Miles reported that the VEP is vitally concerned with the civic education of the people registered under its auspices. The VEP will publish and distribute a non-partisan handbook for voters which will contain basic information about national, state, special district, and local government; government programs of special interest; and pro and con discussion of South Carolina political issues.

S.C. VEP
re: 1965 program

The VEP will continue its cooperation with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference citizenship education program. Ministers and community leaders will be encouraged to institute evening classes to teach basic civics to newly registered voters and those aspiring to register. Fifty thousand sample registration blanks have been printed and will be distributed this month.

Two different types of summer projects for volunteers are planned for 1965. One will involve the placement of one or two full-time workers in most of the counties in the state. The other will consist of several groups of 15-20 mature students who will work in key areas of the state. The emphasis will be on volunteers from South Carolina, but applications are being accepted from any concerned person over 18.

Summary: The 1965 VEP program is as follows:

1. Collection of precinct-by-precinct registration statistics
2. Continuation of present county-by-county registration program with emphasis on those counties and precincts in which relatively few Negroes are registered to vote
3. Work toward extension of present one-day minimum monthly registration period to three days and extension of election year minimum to 5½ days
4. Work toward regulation allowing last person in registration line at closing time to register
5. Work toward elimination of state literacy requirement
6. Work toward creation of additional precincts and equalization of existing ones
7. Preparation of voters' handbook
8. Continuation of citizenship education program
9. Preparation for summer projects for volunteers
   a. one or two in most counties of state
   b. several group projects in key counties of state

Released by the state office of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, Richard Miles, Field Director

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South Carolina
Voter Education Project

MATERIAL RECEIVED FROM VEP CHAIRMEN AND COUNTY OFFICIALS

County	Paid Assessment	VEP Vote List	VEP Reg. List	Official Vote List	Official Reg. List	# Reg. Negroes By Precinct
I						
Allendale	[redacted] X	***				
Beaufort	[redacted] X	X	X	X		X
Berkeley						
Charleston		**	**			X
Clarendon		X		X		
Colleton		X	X			X
Dorchester						
Hampton						
Jasper	X					
II						
Aiken						
Bamberg					X	X
Barnwell	X	***				
Calhoun	X*	X				
Lexington	X*	X			X	
Orangeburg	X*	X	X		X	X
Richland		**				
Sumter	X*					
III						
Abbeville						
Anderson						
Edgefield	X	X		X		***
Greenwood	X*			X	X	
McCormick	X	X				
Newberry				X	X	
Oconee						
Pickens				X		
Saluda	[redacted] X					
IV						
Greenville						
Laurens		X		X		
Spartanburg		X	X			X
V						
Cherokee						
Chester						
Chesterfield						
Fairfield	X*	X	X			X
Kershaw	X*	X		***	X	X
Lancaster						
Union				X	***	
York						
VI						
Darlington						
Dillon	X					
Florence	X	X			X	
Georgetown	X	X	X			X
Horry	X	X	X			X
Lee	X					
Marion	X*	X	X		X	X
Marlboro						
Williamsburg				X		

* indicates partial payment received.
** indicates these figures obtained by state VEP office, not by county chairmen.
*** indicates incomplete report received.

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTE IN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION - 1964

	LYNDON JOHNSON			BARRY GOLDWATER			
C.D.	Popular Vote	% of Popular Vote	Plurality Gained	Popular Vote	% of Popular Vote	Plurality Gained	TOTAL VOTE
FIRST	28,551	32.1		60,341	67.9	31,790	88,892
SECOND	43,163	34.3		82,626	65.7	39,463	125,789
THIRD	34,857	49.4		35,616	50.6	759	70,473
FOURTH	41,686	44.0		52,850	56.0	11,164	94,536
FIFTH	35,778	52.4	3,324	32,454	47.6		68,232
SIXTH	31,679	41.2		45,163	58.8	13,484	76,842
TOTAL	215,714		3,324	309,050		93,335	524,764

official - 215,700 309,048 93348

South Carolina
Voter Education Project

1964 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS - SOUTH CAROLINA

County	Johnson	Goldwater
Abbeville	2689	1448
Aiken	7622	17467
Allendale	772	1740
Anderson	11670	8398
Bamberg	1419	2366
Barnwell	1382	3670
Beaufort	2447	3432
Berkeley	3537	6100
Calhoun	612	1591
Charleston	14564	32509
Cherokee	4258	3627
Chester	3882	2915
Chesterfield	4634	2449
Clarendon	833	2960
Colleton	2051	4637
Darlington	5010	6717
Dillon	2773	2742
Dorchester	1604	5109
Edgefield	824	2489
Fairfield	2628	1997
Florence	7157	10346
Georgetown	3423	4705
Greenville	17275	29358
Greenwood	5479	5653
Hampton	1439	2259
Horry	5444	8293
Jasper	1002	1593
Kershaw	3168	5617
Lancaster	4970	4742
Laurens	4365	5081
Lee	1156	2489
Lexington	4807	12041
McCormick	498	939
Marion	2046	3197
Marlboro	2422	1864
Newberry	3222	5571
Oconee	5560	2712
Orangeburg	5607	10456
Pickens	3506	5882
Richland	17939	27306
Saluda	1409	2524
Spartanburg	20034	18411
Sumter	13775	7729
Union	3892	3815
Williamsburg	2248	4810
York	8346	7292
TOTAL	215700	309048
Plurality		93348

The following figures are the results of a survey of voter registration in the state's counties.

Registration figures are from official records or the best possible estimates received from election officials. Predictions were made by key newsmen in each of the 46 counties.

	1964 Voter Registration	1960 Voter Registration	1964 Negro Registration	1960 Results	1964 Prediction	
Abbeville	7,000	6,323	900	Kennedy	Johnson	
Aiken	30,000	24,860	4,000	Nixon	Goldwater	
Allendale	3,404	2,650	504	Nixon	Goldwater	
Anderson	37,500	27,411	7,500	Kennedy	Johnson	
Bamberg	5,569	4,169	1,400	Nixon	Goldwater	
Barnwell	8,300	6,270	1,500	Nixon	Goldwater	
Beaufort	10,000	5,875	3,500	Nixon	Goldwater	
Berkeley	14,000	8,650	4,000	Kennedy	Goldwater	
Calhoun	2,902	2,171	487	Nixon	Goldwater	
Charleston	64,285	47,350	13,975	Nixon	Goldwater	
Cherokee	15,683	11,782	1,438	Kennedy	Johnson	
Chester	13,068	10,599	3,000	Kennedy	Johnson	
Chesterfield	13,336	10,144	2,400	Kennedy	Johnson	
Clarendon	5,231	4,151	523	Nixon	Goldwater	
Colleton	9,915	7,129	1,870	Nixon	Goldwater	
Darlington	18,000	13,497	5,000	Kennedy	Goldwater	
Dillon	9,000	6,848	2,500	Kennedy	Goldwater	JOHNSON by 31 vote
Dorchester	9,614	7,446	1,750	Nixon	Goldwater	
Edgefield	4,600	3,655	650	Nixon	Goldwater	
Fairfield	6,700	5,153	1,650	Kennedy	Goldwater	JOHNSON by 631 vote
Florence	28,339	19,469	4,458	Kennedy	Toss-Up	GOLDWATER by 3189
Georgetown	11,511	7,422	4,604	Kennedy	Johnson	GOLDWATER by 1282
Greenville	74,408	54,084	8,368	Nixon	Goldwater	
Greenwood	18,014	12,539	2,300	Kennedy	Johnson	GOLDWATER by 174
Hampton	5,721	3,810	1,025	Nixon	Goldwater	
Horry	23,000	17,616	2,300	Kennedy	Goldwater	
Jasper	3,780	2,858	1,200	Nixon	Goldwater	
Kershaw	13,128	10,179	2,266	Nixon	Johnson	GOLDWATER by 2449
Lancaster	18,065	14,034	1,800	Kennedy	Johnson	
Laurens	16,037	11,033	6,400	Kennedy	Johnson	GOLDWATER by 716
Lee	5,504	5,076	1,150	Kennedy	Goldwater	
Lexington	24,000	17,000	3,500 614	Nixon	Goldwater	
McCormick	2,110	1,787	210	Kennedy	Goldwater	
Marion	7,670	6,894	1,200	Kennedy	Johnson	GOLDWATER by 1151
Marlboro	9,000	8,142	1,200	Kennedy	Johnson	
Newberry	12,200	9,435	1,000	Kennedy	Toss-Up	GOLDWATER by 2349
Oconee	13,500	10,639	1,400	Kennedy	Johnson	
Orangeburg	22,102	14,617	6,483	Nixon	Goldwater	
Pickens	17,000	11,106	1,700	Nixon	Goldwater	
Richland	67,500	43,802	8,750	Nixon	Goldwater	
Saluda	6,280	4,662	440	Kennedy	Goldwater	
Spartanburg	64,300	47,519	7,171	Kennedy	Johnson	
Sumter	14,000	10,476	4,200	Nixon	Goldwater	
Union	14,861	11,433	1,438	Kennedy	Goldwater	JOHNSON by 77
Williamsburg	10,000	6,942	1,933	Nixon	Goldwater	
York	28,300	21,013	3,500	Kennedy	Goldwater	JOHNSON by 1054
Totals	816,457	590,929	138,543			

this figure is surely too high

South Carolina Voter Education Project

REGISTRATION STATISTICS FOR SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
as of September 1, 1964

County	Adult Negro Population	Adult White Population	% Negro Population	Negro Registration	White Registration	% Negroes Registered
Aiken	10040	32646	23.0	4000*	26000*	39.8*
Bamberg	3807	4371	46.5	1400	4169	36.8
Barnwell	3242	5652	35.3	1500*	6800*	46.2*
Calhoun	3318	2623	55.8	487	2416	14.7
Lexington	4782	28774	14.2	614	24604	12.9
Orangeburg	17355	16381	51.4	6483	15619	37.3
Richland	32670	79050	29.3	8750*	58750*	26.8*
Sumter	15380	22004	41.1	4200*	9800*	27.3*
TOTAL	90594	191501	32.2	27436	148158	30.3

* Unofficial Estimate

1964 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

	Lyndon Johnson		Barry Goldwater		
County	Popular Vote	Plurality Gained	Popular Vote	Plurality Gained	TOTAL VOTE
Aiken	7622		17467	9845	25089
Bamberg	1419		2366	947	3787
Barnwell	1382		3670	2288	5052
Calhoun	612		1591	979	2203
Lexington	4807		12041	7234	16848
Orangeburg	5607		10456	6849	16063
Richland	17939		27306	9367	45245
Sumter	3775		7729	3954	11504
TOTAL	43163		82626	39463	125789

Summary of Proposal Offered by
Richland County Steering Committee

1) Selection of precinct chairmen who will organize their own precinct committee which should meet monthly.

2) Selection of school district chairmen who will call all precinct chairmen in his school district for a monthly meeting.

3) County-wide meeting of all school district chairmen monthly.

4) County-wide mass meeting on special call.

Program for Voter Registration and Education

1) School district chairmen should hold a workshop session for precinct chairmen in their school district. At these meetings Mr. Richard Miles of the VEP or Mr. Ben Mack of SCLC will outline the job to be done and show how to do it. School district chairmen can report their results at the monthly county meeting.

2) Precinct chairmen should call some of their neighbors and friends to a precinct meeting. With the knowledge and written material the precinct chairmen will have from the school district meeting, they can show workers in their precinct how to begin. They can report their results to school district chairmen at the monthly school district meeting.

3) Voter registration.
Precinct chairmen should select one or two streets per month to cover in their precinct. Workers should go door to door for at least two nights before registration day. They should fill out file cards for each family and invite people to a voter workshop. These file cards should be turned over to the school district chairmen who will collect them and turn them over to the county chairman. Precinct and school district chairmen can make duplicate copies of these file cards for their own records if they wish.

4) Voter education.
Precinct chairmen should arrange a voter education workshop in a church or large room before registration day. Sample registration blanks should be used to teach people how to register. All questions should be answered at this meeting to help people overcome their fear of registering.

R E M E M B E R

I. Mr. Mack (AL 4-0600) and Mr. Miles (254-5953) are available to help you at any time.

II. File cards and registration blanks are available from Mr. Miles. He will be glad to mimeograph notices of your meetings or anything else you need.

III. We registered 19 Negroes in December and 9 in January. We are not doing the job that must be done. We can probably get a three day registration period, but first we need people to register.

BASIC STEPS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

Distributed by South Carolina Voter Education Project

S.C. VEP

I

Duties of County Chairman

1. Mark precinct boundaries on county map.

2. Appoint or elect precinct chairmen for every precinct.

3. Have monthly meeting of all precinct chairmen.

4. Collect reports from precinct chairmen showing names and addresses of all families and individuals contacted.

5. Make contact with your county senator or anyone in a position to help you gain additional registration days in your county.

6. Appoint or elect a Publicity Committee Chairman.

7. Appoint or elect a Finance Committee Chairman.

8. Appoint or elect a secretary to stay at the courthouse on registration day to take the names and addresses and registration numbers of Negroes who register.

S.C. VEP

II
Duties of Precinct Chairman

1. Know the boundaries of your precinct!!!
2. Know how many adult whites and Negroes live in your precinct and know how many of each have registered.
3. Make a map showing all the streets and roads in your precinct.
4. Select a definite area to work and a definite time to do it
5. Have your workers meet at one spot before starting to canvass and have them meet again when they quit.
6. Leave an information sheet in every home.
7. Fill out the file cards completely!
8. Ask ministers to set up a program in their church to get every member registered. Set up voter education workshops to teach people how to fill in the registration blank. Be prepared to explain the election law at this meeting.

S.C. VEP

III
Duties of Publicity Committee Chairman

1. Know the regulations for registration and voting.
2. Mimeograph information sheets to be left in every home.
3. Get a group of people to make posters for churches, barbershops, beautyshops, and any other place where people gather.
4. Select at least one person from each church in the county to make a public appeal for registration as an announcement in church.

S.C. VEP

IV

Duties of Finance Committee Chairman

1. Keep a record of all money collected and spent.

2. Schedule one Sunday to raise VEP county assessment. Visit the Ministers' Associations and individual ministers to tell them what you are doing and to ask for their support.

3. Schedule a benefit tea for the expenses of your county VEP.

S.C. VEP

V

What should be done at county meetings?

1. The Secretary should report on the number of people registered during the last registration period.

2. Each precinct chairman should give his completed file cards to the county chairman and report on the number of people contacted in that precinct during the previous month.

3. If any officer needs extra assistance, he should ask for it and should obtain the names of volunteers at the meeting.

S.C. VEP

VI

REMEMBER!

1. Mr. Miles is available to help at any time. Write 2022 Taylor Street, Columbia, or phone collect 254-5953.

2. Sample registration blanks, file cards, and mimeographed materials are available from the state office.

3. Films are available to help draw a crowd at mass meetings.

4. Servicemen away from home can register and vote by mail. <u>This is important</u>!!

Address ..... Precinct .....

..... Phone .....

Name	Reg. No.	Not Reg

Remarks:

PROPERTY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Address ..... Precinct .....

..... Phone .....

Name	Reg. No.	Not Reg

Remarks:

PROPERTY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Address ..... Precinct .....

..... Phone .....

Name	Reg. No.	Not Reg

Remarks:

PROPERTY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Functions of the State Office

of

The South Carolina Voter Education Project

1. Collect, publish, and distribute South Carolina registration and voting statistics.

2. Act as a central representative to political parties in behalf of county organizations.

3. Approach members of state and federal government for changes in electoral laws.

4. Approach foundations and philanthropic organizations for funds to further the work of voter registration and education.

5. Contact national organizations for volunteers for summer projects.

6. Coordinate voter registration activities in the whole state to gain maximum psychological and political effect from county efforts.

7. Provide a means for strong counties to help weak counties.

8. Assist with work of political organization and voter education by providing uniform organizational and educational material.

9. Provide legal assistance when needed.

10. Conduct research on political candidates and political issues.

WB

JANUARY REPORT

From: South Carolina Voter Education Project state office

FEB 26 1965

To: Headquarters Committee of S.C. VEP

Date: February 20, 1965

~~A financial report for the month of December should be attached and is marked as Addendum A.~~

Since the month of January was a rather full one, this monthly report will be presented in the form of an extended calendar.

January 1: Meeting with the NAACP Board of Directors in Columbia.

January 7: Telephone conversation with Dr. Tinsley Spraggins of the Democratic National Committee concerning the placement of YWCA volunteers in a South Carolina city during spring vacation.

January 10: State-wide meeting at Allen University. Guest speakers were Dr. Aaron Henry and Attorney Wiley Branton. The 1965 program for the VEP was presented. A reception was held for Dr. Henry following the meeting. Approximately 400 people attended the public meeting and approximately 175 attended the reception. Minor coverage of the event appeared in the press. Although copies of the 1965 program were sent to the New York Times, the Afro-American, and approximately 55 South Carolina newspapers, only the Afro-American and the Palmetto Times, a small Negro-oriented newspaper in Columbia, printed the release. Material concerning this meeting is attached as follows:

1) 1965 VEP Program - Addendum B
2) Ministers' Letter - Addendum C
3) Flier - Addendum D
4) Reception Invitation - Addendum E

January 13: Meeting in Columbia with Charles Davis, Director of the Southeastern American Friends Service Committee School Desegregation Service and Bill Allison with the AFSC Work Opportunity Program.

January 13: Meeting in Orangeburg with Charles Davis and Bill Allison and interested persons from the community concerning furtherance of the school desegregation there and of the possibility of establishing a Work Opportunity Program.

January 15: Meeting with Forrest Sheally, Chairman of the Richland County Registration Board in Columbia, to get voter registration statistics.

January 15: VEP workshop for First and Second Congressional Districts at Frogmore, South Carolina. Matthew Perry and Wilbur Hobby of AFL-CIO COPE's regional office in Durham, led discussion sessions. The following counties were not represented by county

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chairmen or official proxies: From the First District - Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester; From the Second District - Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Lexington. In conjunction with this meeting, file cards were printed to aid in precinct organization. A copy of the agenda is attached and marked Addendum F. A copy of the file card sheet is attached and marked Addendum G.

January 17: Meeting of Columbia NAACP. Attorney Hemphill Pride, the new branch president, indicated his lack of enthusiasm for political activity in 1965, but I think this may have been due to naivete rather than committment.

January 18: NAACP Area I Meeting in Charleston. I briefly outlined the VEP program for the branch chairmen present.

January 19: Meeting with Alice Spearman of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. Mrs. Spearman has been attending meetings with SCLC workers, and she has become concerned over the criticism she has picked up concerning the close relationship between the VEP and the NAACP. I agreed that we had not been successful in establishing the desired rapport between VEP and SCLC and stated that I would intensify my efforts to alleviate that situation. Mrs. Spearman has also offered her services to held the VEP solicit funds from national foundations as well as individual South Carolinians. In connection with this matter I have arranged an appointment with Wiley Branton and have also made arrangements to see Randolph Blackwell of SCLC.

January 20-22: Inauguration in Washington. I paid a courtesy call on Senator Thurmond, who seemed rather nervous, and I also visited Tom Chadwick, Senator Johnston's Press Secretary. I also paid courtesy calls on Senator's Bayh and Hartke from Indiana, where I am registered.

January 23: Meeting of Richland County Steering Committee. Rev. Hagans' activities in trying to create an SCLC affiliate in lower Richland County were criticized by representatives from that area. Mr. Mack of SCLC is still cooperating with my attempts to put together a county organization in Richland County. A copy of the proposal offered by this Committee is attached and marked Addendum H.

January 26: Executive Committee meeting in Saluda. This meeting was not attended by the following members:
J. Arthur Brown
J. Herbert Nelson
Richard Haile
Harrison Rearden
R.N. Beck
Dr. Beck and Mr. Rearden indicated by phone that they would not be able to attend the Executive Committee meeting in February either and that they could not host the meeting in their districts in the foreseeable future.

January 26: Meeting of the Richland County Steering Committee. The delegates selected Rev. S.A. Gadsden, who was formerly President of the Williamsburg County Voters League, as Executive Director under Mr. Leevy.

re: January report

January 27: Rev. J.A. Curry of Camden spoke to a teacher's group at their invitation concerning the participation of teachers in political activity.

January 29: Meeting of Williamsburg County Voters League. I addressed approximately 125 people concerning the advantage of a state-wide organization in terms both of increased political power and services from the state office. An outline of the services of the state office is attached and marked Addendum I. Mr. Dimery of the League feels that the assessments were not levied democratically since county representatives did not directly participate in this apportionment. He is not satisfied with the arrangement of representation through the District Chairmen. This, of course, reflects the intransigence of the Williamsburg County organization from the beginning efforts to put together a state-wide program based upon congressional district organizations. Mr. Dimery feels that all county chairmen should meet monthly to transact business in a way similar to the present arrangement for the Executive Committee. This is patently absurd but the basic criticism is sound, and two possible remedies might be tried:

Annual Constitutional Convention to ratify new and democratic Constitution which would provide for democratic election of district chairmen and state officers as well as financial apportionments.

Utilization of county chairmen as official proxies for district chairmen when they are unable to attend Executive Committee meetings.

January 31: Meeting of state-wide inter-collegiate youth affiliates of S.C. Council on Human Relations in Columbia. The group has invited the AFSC to sponsor a tutorial project in Rock Hill for a two month period extending from June 15 to August 15, 1965. The project would have a two-fold purpose:

1) tutorial program for Negro students preparing to enter white schools;

2) adult literacy program geared to preparing adults for the state literacy test for registering to vote.

January 31: Meeting of Greenwood County organization concerning their participation in the state-wide program. The program is complicated in the county because the work has been done largely through the Inter-denominational Ministers' Alliance of which Rev. Cain, the VEP county chairman, is President. At the same time the Greenwood County Civic League likes to take credit for the work while offering little in the way of actual cooperation.

re: January report

At the present time, the most urgent problem facing the state organization is the position and function of district chairmen. Due to the attendance at Executive Committee meetings, the state-wide officers are making policy decisions that can realistically only be made by district chairmen.

District chairmen have not succeeded in transmitting the program of the state-wide organization to their county chairmen, and county chairmen are beginning to either lose interest in the state organization as in Orangeburg County or to circumvent non-active district chairmen as in Williamsburg County.

The district chairmen are the key to the whole system. They must perform their task or be replaced by someone who will. Replacements must be made by the appropriate counties and not by a caucus of state officials.

None of the district chairmen has forwarded a single county voter registration report to the state office since the December registration period. If there is one single function of the state office that is paramount to all others, it is the collection of reliable registration statistics. This function is not being performed.

There is little excuse for district chairmen missing the regularly scheduled Executive Committee meetings. There is no excuse for their not sending a proxy.

Richard Neal

bc: Richard Miles

March 10, 1965

Mr. Harrison Rearden
Box 2384
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Rearden:

Thank you for your letter received today in which you cleared up the concern which I had expressed in my letter to you of March 1. My concern developed entirely from a statement in the January South Carolina Voter Education Project report which stated that your district could not host the state Executive Committee at the next meeting, or in the foreseeable future. I immediately thought of "foreseeable future" as meaning several months, when the writer probably had in mind only the next few days. Thank you for clearing this up.

I am very much aware of the difficulty you must be having with NAACP wanting to claim credit for the job you and your organization did in 1964, but we have the record here in our office and we know who did the work. When we get around to releasing the full story, we will certainly give your organization the credit it is due.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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The Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Company

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Box 2384
Greenville, S.C.
March 9, 1965.

Rec'd 3/10/65

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth St., N.W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Branton:

In reply to your letter dated March 1, 1965 I must say that I was some what surprised at its contents. Specifically, I know nothing of and did not state that Greenville nor the Fourth Congressional District would not host the meeting of the Executive Committee in the foreseeable future. I am quite curious to know where this pseudo statement came from. I did say however, that we could not host same in February as we had so many conflicting community activities and I was personally out of the City for a while.

Yes, VEP has made a sizeable contribution to this County and District for which we are grateful and for which we have tried to live up to by having registered the number we have to date. I must inform you however that while there has been no direct conflict between me and the State Officers nor the NAACP, I am still not in accord with the way some things are going. I will not drag my feet and slow down the program however because of this. In short the NAACP Branch is attempting to have the VEP dovetailed under its direction, thus claiming and getting all the credit for whatever success is made. This was made quite clear when on March 4th and 5th during the Regional NAACP Convention, the Greenville County Branch of the NAACP received a large citation for having registered more people in 1964, than all of our surrounding areas. The Branch did not register nor support by any measure, the VEP effort in 1964.

Now I as Chairman of VEP here and we as members will never surrender to this sort of false claimed glory this organization is persuing. We want to coordinate all efforts with all organizations but it must be understood that we are a seperate and distinct organization and will maintain all of our records which represent our hard work, and efforts.

I am writing Mr. Miles and informing him that we are awaiting a date to be set for the meeting in this month and we will be the host.

Yours truly,

Harrison Rearden

Harrison Rearden

HR:hw

CC: Mr. Richard Miles
2202 Taylor St., Columbia, S.C.
Rev. D.C. Francis, NAACP Pres., Greenville, S.C.

bc: Richard Miles

March 1, 1965

Mr. Harrison Rearden
Suite 4
125½ Falls Street
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Rearden:

As you probably know, we here at VEP have maintained a continuing interest in the South Carolina Voter Education Project. I was somewhat disturbed by a statement in the January report which stated that you had indicated that you could not host a meeting of the Executive Committee in your district in the foreseeable future.

If the statement attributed to you is correct, then it causes me to feel that there is some disagreement between you and the South Carolina Voter Education Project, and I would like to know if this is the case, and if so, just what the trouble is. We feel that we have made a heavy investment in the political future of South Carolina, and we certainly want to keep up with what is taking place. I would appreciate learning the facts regarding the present situation, and a discussion of the long range problems as you see them. Please be assured that I will not reveal anything which you want held in confidence.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

bc: Richard Miles

March 10, 1965

Dr. R. N. Beck
403 North Dargan Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Beck:

Thank you for your letter of March 7, and also for your financial report which came earlier.

I am both relieved and pleased to learn that there is no conflict regarding your district's participation in the South Carolina Voter Education Project program. It appears that my concern developed from a statement in the January South Carolina Voter Education Project report which stated that your district could not host the Executive meeting in the foreseeable future. I immediately thought of "foreseeable future" as meaning several months, and perhaps the writer had reference only to the next meeting. Thank you for clearing this up for us.

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Very truly yours,

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R. N. BECK, M.D.
403 NORTH DARGAN STREET
FLORENCE, S. C.

March 7, 1965

MAR 10 1965

Mr. Wiley Branton
Project Director
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta. Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I received your letter of March 1st. I think the S.C. Voter Education Project is going on nicely. The plans, as outlined by Mr. Miles, are effective for long term objectives.

I am quite surprised at your alarm concerning my inability to take the meeting. I have always cooperated with this organization. As you probably know, I was associated with the voter activities long before VEP was launched in this area. My interest remains the same. When Mr. Miles made his request, I was already committed to host three meetings plus having a heavy medical patient load at the time. I think requests of this nature should be made at least ten days prior to the meeting date in order to prepare for it. I explained my position to Mr. Miles at the time.

We have had district meetings each month since December. The County Chairmen and Workers are still registering people. I think the efforts of VEP in South Carolina have been most effective and will continue to show satisfactory progress.

Under separate cover, I have sent you an up-to-date account of the balance on hand.

With kindest regards,

Yours truly,

R. N. Beck, M.D.

bc: Richard Miles

March 1, 1965

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Florence, South Carolina

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rec'd 3/9/65

Our records reveal that you last sent us a financial accounting about December 14, 1964, when you had a balance on hand of $633.42. Please send us an up-to-date accounting.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

2nd C.D. County	DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, March, 1965				PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, 1964		
	Callison	Culbertson	Fuller	Total	Johnson	Goldwater	Total
Aiken	649	343	140	1,132	7,622	17,467	25,089
Bamberg	403	55	43	501	1,419	2,366	3,787
Barnwell	291	123	55	469	1,382	3,670	5,052
Calhoun	162	96	28	286	612	1,591	2,203
Lexington	1,590	300	218	2,108	4,807	12,041	16,848
Orangeburg	527	569	100	1,196	5,607	10,456	16,063
Richland	2,933	2,503	464	5,900	17,939	27,306	45,245
Sumter	324	519	67	910	3,775	7,729	11,504
TOTALS	6,879	4,508	1,115	12,502	43,163	82,626	125,789

Addendum C

Post Office Box 1002
Aiken, South Carolina
March 25, 1965

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Dear_____:

On March 3, I wrote a letter to our County Senator requesting an extended period of registration during April. Normally the books are open only on the first Monday in each month. Except for the year of our national elections, which were held last year. On Monday of this week, I received an answer from the Senator. Our request has been granted, and the books will be opened everyday excluding Sunday from April 1 - 17.

We must take full advantage of this opportunity at this time like never before. This is a chance for us to strengthen our vote in time for the June 15 election. Although, we are non-partisan in our voter registration activities, I feel that most of you share my thoughts when I say, we must register every available eligible Negro if we are going to defeat Albert Watson in June, and Senator J. Strom Thurmond next year.

Here in Aiken County the Democratic Party is realizing for the first time the strength of the Negro vote, and are placing Negroes on all Party committees. If we start now to increase our vote, we will really be heard and felt in the Party Conventions in February of 1966, when they meet for re-organization. This will be a giant step toward recognition on precinct, county, state, and national levels.

We feel that the time has come for us to offer Negroes as candidates for public office in our county and city. There will be a City Council election in Aiken later this year, with the weaker half of the incumbent councilmen up for re-election. But what chance would a Negro candidate have if we haven't enough votes to back him up.

So that we can perfect an organization that will really bring us success during these 15 days in April, we are asking a group of influential and concerned people like yourself, from every precinct and section of our county to attend an urgent meeting this Saturday evening March 27 in the Activity Building of the Friendship Baptist Church in Aiken at 8 o' clock.

We have invited Mr. Richard Miles, who is the field director for the Voter Education Project in South Carolina to be with us in this meeting. He has accepted to come and will bring sample registration application forms and other material that will be essential to us.

We are all aware I know, of the struggle for voting rights that is now going on in Alabama. Many have been beaten and imprisoned, in the past month at least two persons have died for this cause. And even now, as I am writing you this letter, sore, aching, tired, rest hungry feet are marching fifty miles for the privilege to register and vote. President Johnson has spoken militantly for this cause. The Congress and all America are concerned. Can we afford here in Aiken county, where it is EASY to register, not to register every available eligible Negro? Can YOU afford not to give your time and influence to such a worthy cause?

We need your leadership ability, your help, your influence, and your presence on Saturday evening. Please do not let us down. Come and bring other interested persons from your area with you.

Civically yours,

A. W. Holman

(Rev.) A. W. Holman, Chairman
Aiken County Voter Registration
Committee

Addendum D

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
D R A F T

Preamble

We, the citizens of South Carolina, in order to increase the number of registered voters, to insure the participation of all citizens in the election process, and to provide the necessary education to instruct an informed electorate of its civic responsibilities and duties, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

I
Name

This organization shall be named the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

II
Purpose, Power, and Scope

Section I. The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a continuing means of fulfilling the following objectives:

Article 1. The registration of all qualified Negro citizens;

Article 2. The turn-out of all registered Negro voters during elections;

Article 3. The civic education of all Negro citizens.

Section II. The organization shall have such powers vested in it by the Constitution;

Section III. The organization shall be of state-wide scope. It shall not become subordinate to any national organization.

III
Membership

Section I. Voting membership in the state organization shall be limited to the following categories:

Article 1. Duly recognized chairmen of county civic organizations;

Article 2. Duly elected chairmen of congressional district organizations;

Article 3. Duly elected state officers.

Section II. Non-voting membership in the state organization shall be limited to the following categories:

Article 1. Paid staff of the organization;

Article 2. Duly recognized representatives of concerned organizations.

IV
Officers

Officers in the organization shall be:

Section I. All duly recognized chairmen of county civic organizations;

Section II. All duly recognized chairmen of congressional district organizations;

Section III. A President;

Section IV. A Vice-President;

Section V. A Secretary;

Section VI. A Treasurer;

Section VII. A Chaplain;

Section VIII. A Legal Adviser;

Section IX. A Field Director.

V
Duties of Officers

Section I. The duties of the Chairmen of counties shall be:

Article 1. To promote by all means at his disposal the registration, voting, and civic education of the citizens of his county;

Article 2. To gather assessments duly levied against his county by the members of the state organization;

Article 3. To collect monthly voter registration statistics, election statistics whenever appropriate, and all other reasonable data requested by the Field Director;

Article 4. To represent either in person or by proxy his county at all regular and special meetings of his congressional district and of the state organization.

Section II. The duties of the Chairmen of congressional districts shall be:

Article 1. To promote by all means at his disposal the registration, voting, and civic education of the citizens of his congressional district;

Article 2. To gather assessments duly levied against the counties of his congressional district from the respective chairmen of counties within his congressional district;

Article 3. To collect monthly voter registration statistics, election statistics whenever appropriate, and all other reasonable data requested by the Field Director from the chairmen of counties within his congressional district;

Article 4. To represent either in person or by proxy his congressional district at all regular and special meetings of his congressional district, of the Executive Committee, and of the state organization;

Article 5. To convene a regular monthly meeting and any special meeting as he or his organization may decide to call of chairmen of counties within his congressional district, and to give advance notice to the chairmen of the counties within his congressional district of such meetings;

Article 6. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution.

Section III. The duties of the President shall be:

Article 1. To preside at all regular and special meetings of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 2. To convene all regular monthly meetings and special meetings of the Executive Committee;

Article 3. To convene all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 4. To provide supervision and guidance to the Field Director as the Executive Committee may direct;

Article 5. To act as official spokesman of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 6. To sit on all regular and special committees of the state organization and of the Executive Committee as an ex-officio member;

Article 7. To appoint appropriate members of the Standing Committees as provided in by Bylaws;

Article 8. To enforce the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws;

Article 9. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section IV. The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To assume temporarily the office and duties of the President in case of the absence or incapacity of the President;

Article 3. To assume the office and duties of the President in the event of the resignation or permanent incapacity of the President until which time a regular or special election shall be called to fill the office of the President;

Article 4. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 5. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the by laws, by the state organization, by the Executive Committee, and by the President.

Section V. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To keep careful and authentic records of the regular and special proceedings of the Executive Committee and the state organization;

Article 3. To prepare a roll of members of the state organization and of the members of all committees of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 4. To preserve all records, reports, and documents of the state organization and of the Executive Committee which are not assigned to others;

Section 5. To preside at all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of the state organization in the absence of the President and of the Vice-President;

Article 6. To have available at all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the state organization a copy of the Constitution, of the by laws, of the standing rules, and of the parliamentary authority of the organization;

Article 7. To preside as chairman of the Credentials Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 8. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section VI. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To act as official custodian and disbursing officer for all funds of the Executive Committee and the state organization;

Article 3. To collect all money due the state organization and to safeguard it;

Article 4. To certify to the Credentials Committee those counties paying their duly levied assessment at least five (5) days prior to the annual September meeting.

Article 5. To keep an accurate record of all funds collected and disbursed and to be able to furnish a statement at any time showing the financial condition of the state organization;

Article 6. To act as chairman of the Headquarters Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 7. To sit as a member of the Ways and Means Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 8. To allow the annual auditing of his books by an independent auditor;

Article 9. To be bonded by a reputable bonding agent;

Article 10. To make monthly financial reports to the Ways and Means Committee of the financial condition of the state organization;

Article 11. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section VII. The duties of the Chaplain shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To open and close all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee with prayer;

Article 3. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 4. To sit as a member of the Nominations Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 5. To perform all other spiritual duties which may be assigned to him by the by laws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section VIII. The duties of the Legal Adviser shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To act as Parliamentarian at all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of the state organization;

Article 3. To act as a consultant in all legal questions confronting the organization or any component part of the organization;

Article 4. To sit as a member of the Credentials Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 5. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 6. To sit as a member of the Headquarters Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 7. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the by laws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section IX. The duties of the Field Director shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To sit on all regular and special committees of the state organization and of the Executive Committee as an ex-officio member;

Article 3. To sit as a member of the Election Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 4. To act as chief administrator of the state office;

Article 5. To carry out the policies of the state organization and of the Executive Committee as expressed in the Constitution, and to expedite the program of the state organization and of the Executive Committee.

Article 6. To provide a monthly narrative and financial report of the activites of the state office to the Treasurer and to the President;

Article 7. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee;

Article 8. To coordinate the work of the Executive Committee and of the several standing committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

VI
Standing Committees

Section I. The following standing committees shall be established:

Article 1. The Executive Committee;

Article 2. The Ways and Means Committee;

Article 3. The Credentials Committee;

Article 4. The Elections Committee;

Article 5. The Headquarters Committee;

Article 6. The Nominating Committee.

Section II. The standing committees shall be made up of the following members:

Article 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

Sub-Section 1. Voting members of the Executive Committee shall be: The President, the Vice-President, the Secretary the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, the Chairmen of Congressional Districts. No one person shall hold two (2) positions on the Executive Committee simultaneously.

Sub-Section 2. Non-voting members of the Executive Committee shall be: The Chaplain, the Field Director, one (1) designated representative from each of the duly recognized concerned organization, and the chairmen of all standing committees.

Article 2. The Ways and Means Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and of all other members as designated in the Bylaws;

Article 3. The Credentials Committee shall consist of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, and all Chairmen of the Congressional Districts;

Article 4. The Elections Committee shall consist of the Vice-President, the Legal Adviser, the Chaplain, and the Field Director;

Article 5. The Headquarters Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, and of all other members as designated in the Bylaws;

Article 6. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Chaplain and of all other members as designated in the Bylaws.

VII
Duties of Standing Committees

Section I. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be:

Article 1. To carry out the policies of the state organization as set forth in the Constitution;

Article 2. To set policy for the state organization when the state organization is not in session, subject to the subsequent approval of the members of the state organization;

Article 3. To establish a state office and to hire a Field Director to administer this office;

Article 4. To provide supervision and guidance to the Field Director;

Article 5. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to it by the Bylaws and by the state organization.

Section II. The duties of the Ways and Means Committee shall be:

Article 1. To give financial approval to projects suggested by the Executive Committee;

Article 2. To raise funds for the support of the state office and for any other activities of the state organization;

Article 3. To propose an annual budget for the state office;

Article 4. To meet quarterly or at any other times as the Chairman of the Committee or the Executive Committee may see fit, and to make reports of the business of these meetings to the Executive Committee.

Article 5. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to it by the Bylaws and by the state organization.

Section III. The duties of the Credentials Committee shall be:

Article 1. To certify to the Executive Committee one designated representative from each county who shall be considered the chairman of that county;

Article 2. To certify to the Executive Committee the results of the Elections Committee findings concerning the regular and special election of chairmen of congressional districts;

Article 3. To certify to the Executive Committee those organizations which shall be entitled to non-voting representation on the Executive Committee;

Article 4. To certify to the Executive Committee the official representative of each duly recognized concerned organization;

Article 5. To certify to the Executive Committee to the best of their ability the number of registered Negro voters in each of the counties of the state.

Article 6. To certify to the Executive Committee those counties paying their duly levied assessment at least five (5) days prior to the annual September meeting.

Section IV. The duties of the Election Committee shall be:

Article 1. To certify to the Credentials Committee the regular and special election of chairmen of congressional districts;

Article 2. To certify to the state organization the regular and special election of state officers.

Section V. The duties of the Headquarters Committee shall be:

Article 1. To supervise the Field Director and his administration of the state office;

Article 2. To meet quarterly or at any other time as the Chairman of the Committee or the Executive Committee may see fit, and to make reports of the business of these meetings to the Executive Committee.

Section VI. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be:

Article 1. To nominate at least two (2) candidates for each of the following positions to be filled by election by the state organization: The President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, and the Chaplain;

Article 2. To circulate the report of the Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the election to all members and officers of the state organization.

VIII
Time, Place, and Nature of State Meetings

Section I. The state meeting of the organization shall set policy for the organization and shall examine the action taken by the Executive Committee in its behalf. State officers shall be elected at the appropriate state meeting as shall all members of standing committees as established in the Constitution and Bylaws;

Section II. The regular meeting of the state organization shall be at least twice yearly, on the date of the third Saturday in February and on the third Saturday in September;

Section III. The place of the next regular meeting shall be set at the preceding regular meeting;

Section IV. The Secretary shall notify by mail all members of the organization thirty (30) days in advance of each regular and special state meeting, and shall inform each chairman of each county of the total number of registered Negro voters in each county as certified by the Credentials Committee;

Section V. Special meetings of the state organization shall be called as follows:

Article 1. By the Executive Committee;

Article 2. By a written petition signed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the duly recognized chairmen of county organizations and submitted to the Executive Committee.

Section VI. A county shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the state meeting for every two thousand (2,000) registered Negro voters or fraction thereof in that county as certified by the Credentials Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to each state meeting, except that every county shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote. The chairman of each county shall cast all of the votes entitled to his county by virtue of the number of certified Negro registrants in that county. No county shall be entitled to vote unless that county shall have paid its duly levied assessment as certified by the Treasurer to the Credentials Committee at least five (5) days prior to the annual September meeting;

Section VII. Disputes concerning the number of registered Negro voters in a given county shall be settled by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the state meeting.

IX
Election Procedure

Section I. Chairmen of congressional district organizations shall be elected by at least a majority vote of all chairmen of counties present at the election meeting of that congressional district organization. Chairmen of counties making up a congressional district organization shall themselves set the date of their election meeting and shall establish their own rules and regulations to govern the meeting of their congressional district organization;

Section II. A county shall be entitled during the election of state officers to cast one (1) vote for a given candidate for every two thousand (2,000) registered Negro voters or fraction thereof in that county as certified by the Credentials Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the election meeting, except that every county shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote. The Chairman of each county shall cast all of the votes entitled to his county by virtue of the number of certified Negro registrants in that county;

Section III. State officers shall be elected at the regular meeting of the state organization which falls in February of an even numbered year;

Section IV. The term of office for all elected state officers shall be two (2) years.

X
Quorum

Section I. A quorum of the meeting of the state organization shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the total members of the organization;

Section II. A quorum of each standing committee shall consist of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the respective standing committee.

XI
Amendments and Bylaws

Section I. Amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members at any regular or special meeting of the state organization, provded that all amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, and that he shall send each member a copy of the proposed amendment by mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of the next state meeting.

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Section II. Bylaws of this Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of the voting members at any regular or special meeting of the state organization.

BYLAWS

I
Parliamentary Procedure

In all matters not covered by its Constitution or Bylaws, this organization shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised.

II
Debate

Debate in the meetings of the state organization and in the meetings of the standing committees shall be curtailed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members present.

III
Membership in Standing Committees

Section I. The Ways and Means Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as set forth in the Constitution and three (3) other members appointed by the President;

Section II. The Headquarters Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and the Legal Adviser as set forth in the Constitution and three (3) other members appointed by the President;

Section III. The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Chaplain as set forth in the Constitution and two (2) other members appointed by the President.

IV
Functions of the State Office

The functions of the state office shall be as follows:

Section I. To collect, publish, and distribute South Carolina registration and voting statistics;

Section II. To act as a central representative to political parties on behalf of county organizations;

Section III. To approach members of state and federal government for liberalization of electoral laws;

Section IV. To approach foundations and philanthropic organizations for funds to further the work of voter registration and education;

Section V. To contact national organizations for volunteers for summer projects;

Section VI. To coordinate voter registration activities in the whole state to gain maximum psychological and political effect from county efforts;

Section VII. To provide a means enabling strong counties in the state to help weak counties in the state fulfill their goals as set forth in this Constitution;

Section VIII. To assist the work of political organization and voter education by providing uniform organizational and educational materials;

Section IX. To conduct research on political candidates and political issues.

V
Enabling Clause

This Constitution shal go into effect upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the county chairmen present and voting at a Constitutional Convention of the organization. For the purposes of ratification, each county shall have one (1) vote.

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

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March 30, 1965

Dear Mr. Branton,

True to my scatter-brained secretarial image, I managed to forget to attach the addenda to Dick's February report when I sent it to you yesterday. I am enclosing them here.

Best wishes,

Sharon Miles

Addendum D

February 6, 1965

The February meeting of the Second Congressional District organization of the South Carolina Voter Education Project released the following statement today:

1. The organization supports the constitutional principle of the equality of every man's vote, and therefore strongly urges the South Carolina Legislature to redistrict the Congressional Districts of the State to reflect the current population makeup of the State.

2. The organization is and will remain non-partisan, and therefore does not recommend any one individual as a candidate for either the Republican or Democratic Parties. It does recommend, however, that both parties recognize the existence of the adult Negro population in the Second District which makes up 47% of the total number of adults. The organization urges both parties to lay aside the racial issues which divide the people of South Carolina and to nominate candidates who will run on legitimate political issues of importance to all people.

3. The organization recognizes its civic responsibility and will devote its efforts to increasing the present low percentage of registered Negro voters and to get-out-the-vote efforts on a non-partisan basis.

Released by the South Carolina Voter Education Project
Richard Miles, Field Director
Rev. I.D. Newman, Chairman, Second Congressional District

March 30, 1965

Mr. Richard Miles
2022 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Miles:

The February report of the South Carolina Voter Education Project was received today.

Mr. Branton has been in Europe for the past couple of weeks, and it will be another week before he is back in the office. I am, however, putting the report on his desk, and it will receive his personal attention when he returns.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Janet C. Shortt
Secretary to Mr. Branton

MAR 30 1965

FEBRUARY REPORT

From: South Carolina Voter Education Project state office

To: Headquarters Committee of S.C. VEP

Date: March 29, 1965

~~A financial report for the month of February should be attached and is marked as Addendum A.~~

A great deal of effort has been expended during February to consolidate the organization of precincts within Richland County. In addition, some information has been gathered concerning the summer programs proposed by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Congress on Racial Equality.

February 3: Preliminary organization of Wayside Precinct in Richland County. A handbook containing information for precinct workers has been written. A copy is attached and marked as Addendum B.

A conference was held with Wilbur Hobby, Regional Director of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations' Committee on Political Education, and Mack Rowe of the South Carolina Labor Council's COPE concerning the political situation in the Second Congressional District. Mr. Hobby and Mr. Rowe have assured me that they will continue their assistance as in the past. This assistance largely concerns printing, literature, and films. A rough estimate of present registration and voting statistics, district by district, has been prepared. A copy is attached and marked as Addendum C.

February 4: Installation dinner of NAACP officers in Greenville. Mr. Rearden has been appointed Political Action Chairman of the branch. I had hoped this would solve many of the psychological problems of our efforts in Greenville, but a recent conversation with Rev. Francis, branch president, indicated that it had not.

February 6: Regular meeting of the Second Congressional District. A formal decision was made to not make any pre-primary endorsement, but rather to work on voter registration and get-out-the-vote efforts following the primary. A copy of the resolution is attached and marked as Addendum D.

February 7: Information meeting of Lower Richland Improvement Association in Hopkins. The organization, representing eight precincts, has decided to cooperate with the VEP organization in Richland County. This move was apparently inspired by fear on the part of the officers of the Association that a proposed SCLC organization would supplant them.

February 8: Miss Ruth Hughes of the National Student YWCA arrived to discuss details of a proposed YWCA-sponsored voter registration project in Columbia April 2-9. A meeting was held of Negro community leaders pursuant to inviting the group in to work.

February 9: I arranged a conference between State Senator Bristow of Richland County, Miss Hughes, and myself. We were assured that the registration books in the county would be open for an extended period beginning April 5th and continuing as long as a combination of continued registration activity and political events would permit.

A meeting was then arranged between Miss Hughes and representatives from the white community. An inter-racial planning committee has resulted including cooperation from the AFL-CIO COPE and tentatively from the Columbia League of Women Voters.

February 10: Regular meeting of the Saluda County VEP organization.

February 11: Consultation with Wiley Branton in Atlanta concerning the proposed SCLC summer program. Mr. Branton felt that Randolph Blackwell of SCLC would be sympathetic to efforts to maintain the structure of the S.C. VEP due to his prior involvement with the Southern Regional Council's VEP. Nonetheless, he would place his first loyalty to SCLC if it became necessary to make such an either/or decision. The following additional points were convered in the conversation:

1. The Democratic National Committee (Louis Martin) is favorably inclined toward the S.C. VEP;
2. SCLC has no strong program or policy and lack of cooperation with the S.C. VEP is probably due to two factors: personalities and too strong an identification between the S.C. VEP and the S.C. Conference of Branch of the NAACP;
3. Contrary to rumor, the AFL-CIO COPE and the Democratic National Committee are not likely to pick up the financial responsibility for the continuation of a South-wide VEP;
4. Mr. Branton will tour the South for XXXXXXXXXtwo months evaluating the success and failure of the SRC's VEP;
5. Mr. Branton and Leslie Dunbar, Executive Director of the SRC, will then make recommendations to the Board of Directors of the SRC concerning the continuation of VEP and the SRC's involvement in such continuation;
6. It would be feasible to suggest to the NAIRO that they support a summer intern program to provide a replacement for the present Field Director of the S.C. VEP when he returns to his normal career.

I had a short conversation with Mr. John Due, an assistant to Mr. Branton who is now working with CORE. He informed me of the following:

1. CORE is planning a $35,000 summer voter registration project involving the placement of 5-8 college-age students in each of most of the counties of the First, Second and Sixth Congressional Districts;
2. CORE feels that the S.C. VEP is NAACP dominated;

3. Dave Dennis, formerly Assistant Director of the Mississippi COFO program, will direct this effort;
4. Labor (AFL-CIO) is probably providing the financial support for this project;
5. Labor does not trust the NAACP in South Carolina.

February 12: Conference with Randolph Blackwell in Atlanta. The following is a summary of this conversation:
1. SCLC program is at present only a budgetary proposal;
2. Randolph Blackwell has no responsibility for voter registration efforts. This is a function of Hosea Williams' office, and Mr. Williams is jealous of his authority;
3. The antagonism between SCLC and VEP is largely personal and is due to tension between Esau Jenkins of Charleston and Billy Fleming, Chairman of the First Congressional District. Mr. Jenkins feels that he should have been District Chairman due to the overwhelming number of registered voters in Charleston compared to other counties of that District. Mr. Fleming does not have a base of political support in Clarendon County which is one of the most backward of the state;
4. It might be possible to keep Mr. Jenkins in the VEP structure, at least temporarily;
5. SCLC feels it has been excluded from policy-making participation in the S.C. VEP.

Mr. Blackwell stressed that these were his personal opinions and that they did not necessarily reflect the thinking of the entire SCLC organization or of anyone else in the organization.

I also had a short conversation with Rev. Oscar McCloud, Field Representative of the Board of Christian Education of the United Presbyterian Church. Rev. McCloud is also a representative of the UPC's Commission on Race and Religion. The following is a summary of that conversation:
1. There is no difference of opinion between the Commission on Race and Religion and SCLC. In fact, the Commission had made a very large grant to SCLC. Their concern in this matter between the S.C. VEP and SCLC was purely a desire to avoid duplication of expenditures;
2. The financial involvement of the Commission in the civil rights movement is slated to end in 1966, and virtually all funds have already been allocated;
3. The Commission would consider financial support for a summer intern. Rev. McCloud stated that he would discuss these and similar matters with Bob Stone of the UPC with whom he was travelling that evening.

February 13: The substance of the above conversations was reported to the Finance Committee of the Executive Committee of the VEP in Manning.

February 14: Meeting of the Third Congressional District in McCormick.

February 15: Discussion of the CORE summer program with James T. McCain, Program Director of CORE, Dave Dennis, Program Director of the Southern Region of CORE, and Frank Robinson and Emerson Brown, Field Workers. The results of this discussion were inconclusive. Mr. McCain implied that the funds had been already obtained and that we could expect CORE's cooperation. I am skeptical on both counts, but I have nothing to verify my skepticism.

February 17: Organizational meeting of Dentsville Precinct in Richland County.

February 20: SCLC affiliates meeting in Columbia. The affiliates program is still apparently in its infant stage.

February 23: Executive Committee meeting in Sumter. The XXXXX following members were absent: Mr. Brown, Rev. Nelson, Mr. Perry, Rev. McCain, Mr. Rearden, Mr. Haile, and Dr. Beck.

February 24: Conference with representatives from Columbia's Inter-denominational Ministerial Alliance concerning a proposed project in which ministers will themselves conduct a door-to-door registration campaign in Ward 18 of Richland County.

February 25-27: NAACP Regional Conference in Charlotte. My presence at this ill-planned conference was a waste of time and money, although I was able to talk with several of our VEP County Chairmen.

February 28: Meeting of the McCormick County VEP.

275,000 Voters in '66

Negroes Establish Registration Goal

Staff Columbia 9/8/64

By MONT MORTON
Governmental Affairs Staff

A Negro voter registration project in South Carolina is pushing toward a goal of 275,000 registered Negro voters in time for the 1965 elections.

Richard Miles, field director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, said the organization is beginning immediately to establish voter education schools in the few — about five or six — upstate counties not already having such projects.

Negro voter registration in South Carolina has almost doubled since 1960, and Miles says "an educated estimate" of current Negro registration ranges from 145,000 to 165,000.

There are about 375,000 Negroes of voting age in the state, Miles said, meaning current registration is only about 45 or 50 per cent of the eligible number.

Total state voter registration at present is about 820,000. Approximately 525,000 votes were cast by South Carolinians in last week's presidential election.

A former Marine, Miles is a Quaker who holds a master's degree in government from the University of Indiana. He is working under a one - year contract with SCVEP. He received his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Miles explained that continuation of the Voter Education Project begun several years ago by the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta. The council's sponsorship of South Carolina's program ended Oct. 5.

As under the Southern Regional Council's sponsorship, Miles stresses SCVEP is "definitely non- partisan." The state organization is "not strong, centrally controlled" he said, but instead is based on coordinated efforts of a federation of county organizations.

SCVEP, Miles added, "does not claim to be a political machine and has no intentions of becoming one."

Financial support for the program, he said, is based on a voluntary system of assessments levied on the respective counties, based on the Negro population in each county.

"We're doing pretty well with our fund-raising," Miles reported, noting that McCormick County has already paid its full assessment.

"We are concerned with setting up voter education schools in each county," he said. Using sample registration blanks, trained volunteers in each county will teach mechanics of voter registration.

"County organizations will conduct sustained registration drives on an indefinte basis."

"As for cooperation with other groups working toward the same goal in South Carolina — such as the Palmetto State Voters Association — Miles said "we are willing to work with anyone who represent a responsible political entity in a given county."

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Addendum B

Evaluation
of
YWCA Voter Registration Project

Columbia, South Carolina
April 2-9, 1965

The YWCA-sponsored voter registration project in Columbia, South Cardlina, April 2-9, 1965, must be considered a qualified failure. This failure was compounded of two equal factors: poor planning by the Field Director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, Richard Miles, and personality problems within the project group itself.

A steering committee had been established to coordinate the details of the project. A list of interested members is attached. The representative of the League of Women Voters was not able to obtain the official support of the League, although League members were encouraged to work with the project independently. A working council was formed from the steering committee with definite assignments given to specific individuals. Mr. Miles was selected by the committee as over-all chairman and Rev. John Kellman was to serve as his assistant. A list of these members is attached.

In practice Mr. Miles functioned independently of the committee, consulting the members of the working council only when necessary to insure the fulfillment of their responsibilities. The working council did not function as an entity, but only as a collection of non-related individuals. Since each individual assumed that all parts of the program were operating smoothly, it was felt that there was no need for criticism, and indeed there was no mechanism to air such criticism. This fault was perhaps the key to the failure of the project.

It must be said, however, that personality factors present within the group itself prevented an adequate correction of the admitted faults in the planning and administrative mechanisms.

A list of participants is attached. It is immediately noticeable that the overwhelming majority of the project members came from one college. This group had a built-in elan and came equipped with its own leaders due to the fact that the group had in large part been intact during a YWCA sponsored voter registration project in Richmond, Virginia, and had also functioned as a group in working in human relations problems in the Durham, New Hampshire, area.

The project leaders were relatively inexperienced and were soon placed in an untenable position for two reasons. The de facto leader of the New Hampshire group was largely excluded from policy decisions made by the project leaders and Mr. Miles. In addition, the husband of one of the project leaders, while having no official responsibility, was included in the decision making group and in the absence of Mr. Miles often functioned as an interpreter of policy to the group due to the strength of his personality.

Due to the cohesiveness of the New Hampshire group, what should have been minor intra-group problems rapidly became serious issues for direct confrontation between the group functioning as project decision makers and the remainder of the group itself.

A list of the issues would be rather lengthy, but a few of the more important ones would be the following:

1. the area to be canvassed
2. the utilization of student volunteers
3. social behavior
   a. dress
   b. drinking
   c. inter-racial, inter-sexual working couples.

The matter of deportment in general was a rather serious one since several concerned local students indicated to the project leaders that while they would be eager to cooperate with any future group, they would not be willing to associate themselves with this one.

One of the important underlying factors causing these problems to rise to their unwarranted proportions was the fact that Mr. Miles is a Caucasian. Due to the fact that the working council did not function as a continuing body, Mr. Miles appeared to the project group as a white liberal who did not speak for the Negro community. This was intensified by the fact that project members did not arrive on the scheduled date and thus missed a planned introductory session with community leaders.

Due to the interpretation of the project leader's husband, the original suggestion that project members not work in inter-racial, inter-sexual couples became a dictum ex cathedra that they not do so.

This became the fulcrum of the group's dissension, and this problem was confused even further by the reception given the problem by a hastily assembled group of ministers who were gathered to provide a visible representation of the feeling of the Negro community on this and other matters. By this time, however, the group discussion of mutual problems had largely degenerated into a series of mutual recriminations, and all participants seemed relieved that the New Hampshire group decided to leave one day early, (One student participant from Oberlin had left two days earlier) and thus bring the project to a close.

In terms of physical work, however, the project was quite successful, especially considering the limited hours that the group was willing to work. The registration books were open during the entire week of the project, and 295 Negroes registered during this 5½ day period. The two largest Negro wards in the state were covered on a door-to-door basis as was a rural area of dense Negro population.

Due to many incompletely filled out file cards and due to the attitude of some project members who would skip rows of homes that they felt were not worth canvassing, the work was not as inclusive as had been planned. Nonetheless, the work certainly provided the nucleus from which a complete file card system could be built in the future.

The following statistics were recorded in detail on file cards for use by local civic groups:

Cards Lacking Sufficient Information	120
Individuals Registered With Reg. Numbers Recorded	596
Individuals Registered Without Reg. Numbers Recorded (therefore, registration of many individuals recorded is doubtful)	568
Individuals Not Registered	824
Homes In Which No One Was Present	619

Precinct Breakdown
of Negroes Registered
from
April 5-10
April 26-May 15

Ward or Precinct	# Registered	Ward or Precinct Covered by Project
1	25	
2	6	
3	20	
4	20	
5	4	
6	1	
7	2	
9	147	X
10	8	
11	3	
12	11	
15	2	
18	109	X
19	9	X partial
20	14	X
21	21	X
Ballentine	7	
Belleview	4	X
Blythewood	13	X
Brown's Chapel	4	
College Place	84	X
Denny Terrace	13	X
Dentsville	39	X
Eastover	19	
Edgewood	52	X
Gadsden	17	X
Garner	3	
Holly Grove	1	
Hopkins	46	
Killina	10	X
Lakeview	1	
Lykesland #1	24	X partial
Lykesland #2	2	
Olympia	19	X
Pontiac #2	1	
Ridgewood	15	X
Sligh's	2	
St. Andrew	2	
Wayside	4	X
TOTAL # NEGROES REGISTERED	784	
Total # Negroes Registered in Those Precincts and Wards Covered by Project	594	

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Addendum C

Evaluation
of
YWCA Voter Registration Project

Columbia, South Carolina
April 10-16, 1965

The YWCA-sponsored voter registration project in Columbia, South Carolina, April 10-16, 1965, was considered quite successful by both community leaders and project members alike.

In contrast to the YWCA project held the previous week, this success can be attributed to three factors:

1. Correction of earlier mistakes by the Field Director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, Richard Miles;

2. More complete understanding of psychological factors inherent in voter registration campaigns by community leaders;

3. More mature personal attitudes on the part of both the project leader, counselors (i.e., one member from each participating college), and project members.

At least two subtle factors also contributed to the success of the project as contrasted to the qualified failure of the first. There was a more sophisticated political system extant in the North Richland area in which the group worked. Adult volunteers who were aware of their responsibilities and knowledgeable of their geographical areas were available during work periods. In addition, the registration books were closed during this period and as a result transportation problems were lessened. There was a general lack of tension at work since the work was more educational and of a more relaxed nature than was the work of the previous group when the books had been open.

A list of project members is attached.

A schedule of day-to-day activities of the project is attached. Post-project evaluations from the participants seemed to indicate that not enough care was given to the selection of speakers and that there were too many of them.

A sample evaluation sheet is attached together with selected answers to the queries.

The group was extremely successful in terms of the actual work accomplished. The North Richland area is an area of rapdily developing Negro suburban housing and is the area of greatest potential in Richland County for the development of Negro political strength. Virtually every home in this entire area is now recorded on file cards which have been turned over to the North Columbia Civic Club for utilization.

In addition, many of the community participants have received practical training in door-to-door canvassing and precinct politics. Reorganization of the state Democratic Party will come in February, 1966. In order for Negroes to win the important position of Executive Committeemen in the county Democratic Party, they must be able to turn out large numbers of registered citizens in every precinct on the day and hour or re-organization. Due to lack of public interest in this process, Negroes have not been involved in these important party affairs in any significant numbers until now. There are 8 or 9 precincts in the North Richland area where Negroes have a chance to capture these positions. At the present time, they hold only two. Needless to say, the Richland County Democratic Party is the most important unit of the Party in the state, since Richland County is the seat of the state government.

The statistical material and the training given members of the North Richland area will be of great value in the development of the political potential of this area.

The following statistics were recorded in detail on file cards:

Cards Lacking Sufficient Information	23
Individuals Registered With Reg. Numbers Recorded	442
Individuals Registered Without Reg. Numbers Recorded (therefore, registration of many individuals recorded is doubtful)	715
Individuals Not Registered	756
Homes In Which No One Was Present	466

The registration books were open for three weeks following the departure of the second YWCA group. During this period 489 Negroes registered to vote, the great bulk of this number coming from the North Richland Area with much of the remainder coming from the urban areas canvassed by the first YWCA group. A precinct breakdown with the numbers of people registered during this period is attached.

An interesting side-note to the project is found in the May 3, 1965, Congressional Record, page 8934: "Mr. ERVIN. 'Does the Senator know any way in which a State could compel people to vote?'
Mr. THURMOND. 'The Senator from South Carolina knows of no way in which people can be compelled to vote. I was asked that very question at Indiana University last weekend when I was there. The question was: Why do so few people vote in certain counties in South Carolina? They had the figures.'"

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7	2	
9	147	X
10	8	
11	3	
12	11	
15	2	
18	109	X
19	9	X partial
20	14	X
21	21	X
Ballentine	7	
Belleview	4	X
Blythewood	13	X
Brown's Chapel	4	
College Place	84	X
Denny Terrace	13	X
Dentsville	39	X
Eastover	19	
Edgewood	52	X
Gadsden	17	X
Garner	3	
Holly Grove	1	
Hopkins	46	
Killina	10	X
Lakeview	1	
Lykesland #1	24	X partial
Lykesland #2	2	
Olympia	19	X
Pontiac #2	1	
Ridgewood	15	X
Sligh's	2	
St. Andrew	2	
Wayside	4	X

TOTAL # NEGROES REGISTERED 784

Total # Negroes Registered
in Those Precincts and
Wards Covered by Project 594

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A Sampling
from
Evaluations
Submitted by YWCA Project Members

"What were some of your attitudes pertaining to the South, civil rights, etc. before you participated in this project?"

Sample Response

"I thought there was more outright discrimination. They really have progressed quite a bit in most areas. Now it is more up to the Negro himself. I felt this was the place where action was happening in America. I felt it was an historical home for America and for human liberties, and I wanted to help for what I believed as well as see first hand what was going on, i.e. to feel the pulse. The South was the only part of America I was not acquainted with, and as an educated person I didn't think I could afford this ignorance."

"I was highly disturbed and concerned for the Negro but highly frustrated for I was not actively involved in his cause. This project has given me insight into the problem but by no stretch of the imagination solved my frustration."

"Have any of your ideas and attitudes changed, enlarged or crystallized during the past week? How?"

Sample Response

"I believe that young Negroes should become better organized around worthwhile social goals and that unless the Negroes become better organized, conditions will not improve much."

"Only that persistent orderly work is a most influential weapon and should be continued."

"I found that in South Carolina the Negro leadership was weak. the Negro community badly organized, the local college students under the guidance of extremely "moderate" religious leaders. I realized the tremendous job that needed to be done."

"Did you feel the orientation at the beginning of the project was helpful? Do you have suggestions as to changes, expansions, other areas to be covered, etc. in the orientation?"

Sample Response

"The orientation at the beginning was extremely helpful."

"You only need two speakers. One very good one for your side and one very poor one for the other side. Orientation was a complete waste. We should have spent the time canvassing."

"Yes, probably the most valuable part of the project because it set our minds for what to expect from the people with whom we'd worked."

"Yes. The role playing was most valuable and should have been stressed more. The importance of self-disciplined, considerate, mature behavior among the participants should have been stressed more."

"It needs to be more concrete, hard-headed, no punches pulled and above all more expert, e.g. the "political scientist" from USC was weak, the explanatory speeches useless, but we should have heard more from people like Rev. Newman. More socio-economic presentation needed."

"Did you feel that some of the activities (speakers, tours, etc.) other than the actual canvassing were interesting and helpful? Which ones were particularly so and why, and which were not and why?"

Sample Response

"The STEP school tour was very interesting. I think the two political speakers were completely useless to us and a waste of time. Also, the speakers for the mass meeting could have been selected more carefully."

"Only one. Newman was good. Dick Miles was a good leader. Every other speaker was terrible."

"Do you have any suggestions, criticisms, etc. as to the general organization of the total project? Of the canvassing?"

"The only way to do canvassing is to learn on the job. There is no way to do that job for the team except to get them into it (which is the way it was done)."

"Less of this organized "Y" attitude."

"Comments on such things as living arrangements, meals, cost, etc.?"

Sample Response

"I think the living arrangements and meals were quite inadequate and too expensive for the facilities and services we received. My greatest complaint is the way in which the dormitory was kept in terms of cleanliness. But by living on campus I did get to know the Allen community better."

"I feel the costs to the students were far too high for the arrangements we had at the University. I feel we could have had much better arrangements off campus without much more cost. We didn't come here to live in luxury but to do a job. However, it's no reason to take the student across and hope he is lost in dedication to forget it. This is a little stronger than I intended it but you get the point."

"Bad."

"Living arrangements - ok. Meals - atrocious. Cost - extravagant."

"The accomodations were terrible. Allen students who compared notes with us felt (probably justly) that we were being taken."

"List three things you enjoyed most about the project."

Sample Response

"Friendliness of the Allen students. The feeling of importance bestowed on us by all concerned. The friendliness of the people that we canvassed. Communal living. The church service Sunday was really great. Dinner at Mrs. Lyles."

"The close fellowship. The intellectual make-up. The chance to learn."

"List three things you enjoyed the least."

Sample Response

"Food. Bathroom. Food."

"Breakfast. Lunch. Dinner."

"List three things you wished we might have done, seen, heard, etc. if we had had more time or if other activities had been eliminated."

Sample Response

"Hear the Allen Concert Choir. Come in contact with more southern whites (not moderates). Sat in some of the classrooms during actual sessions in order to get an idea of what the southern school is like."

"Speak to church groups, civic organizations of both Negroes and whites. More contact with NAACP. More contact with USC students and other southern whites. More contact with faculty members of both colleges."

"Any other comments...."

Sample Response

"What my comments really add up to is this: We met moderate Negroes and moderate whites - officially. But surely there's more to South Carolina than that. We were told that except for specifically mentioned places, restaurants were integrated, yet when we went out to eat one evening in a mixed group we were turned away. Moreover some people seemed to be very concerned that we took advantage of what moderates had told us was the situation. This does not increase confidence, does not clarify but rather obscures (it can even lead to cynicism and undermining of "authority" on a project). Part of the problem seems to be this: As a project we have a very important job: to canvass and not to offend the reverends we are working with.

But we also have another job: To keep group morale not only during the project week but to allow individuals to continue in their communities or in another project. It might be better to have more intra-group bull sessions in which, without pulling punches, project members can compare experiences without the inhibitions of the reverends. The bull sessions should include the local project director (e.g. Miles'). Though my comments have been critical, I have enjoyed the week greatly. I have assumed in my remarks that critique will be more valuable than paeans of praise."

"Learned a lot, enjoyed myself."

Overall Evaluation
and
Suggestions for Future Projects

GENERAL

1. Community leaders must be intimately involved in any such future project.

2. More sophisticated explanation of the purpose of the registration campaign should be provided at the very beginning of the project.

3. Stricter discipline should be provided for project members refusing to abide by decisions made by project leaders.

4. A clear definition of the responsibility and authority of each "project leader" must be made at the onset of the project.

5. More free time should be provided project members.

6. Lectures and discussion sessions should be held in the mornings when feasible.

7. Better publicity arrangements should be made to reach the maximum number of people in the Negro community.

SPECIFIC

1. If it is necessary for project members to live at Allen University, they should be charged only for room and should either be responsible for their own meals in restaurants or be fed through the facilities of the churches in the areas in which they work. Too much time was lost at the best period for work so that project members could return to the abysmal meals at Allen.

2. Some method of organizing local high school and college students in a continuing political action organization must be found.

Addendum D

Evaluation
of
South Carolina Conference on School Desegregation

Penn Center, Frogmore, South Carolina
April 23-25, 1965

Through a grant received from the New World Federation, an expense-paid, state-wide Conference on School Desegregation was held at Penn Center, Frogmore, South Carolina, April 23-25. The following organizations and individuals pooled their mailing lists to distribute invitations to the Conference:

Courtney Siceloff, Penn Community Services
Ben J. Mack, Southern Christian Leadership Conference
James T. McCain, Congress of Racial Equality
Modjeska Simkins, Richland County Citizens' Committee
Walker Solomon, Palmetto Education Association
Alice Spearman, S.C. Council on Human Relations
I.D. Newman, NAACP
Richard Miles, S.C. Voter Education Project

Approximately 475 letters were sent to individuals in every county in the state. Approximately 200 individuals attended at least part of the Conference, and every county except two was represented.

Other than its immediate effect on school desegregation, the Conference had two important consequences:

1. The major human relations organizations in the state came together to further a mutual purpose;

2. An important mailing list of mutually recognized community leaders was compiled, and a large nucleus of activists on a state-wide level came into personal contact with one another, many doing so for the first time.

It should be possible to exploit the political potential inherent in this mutually shared experience, although it will not be practical for significant work along this line to take place until early fall.

Specific Points of Criticism:

1. Little effort was made to systematically include young people in the proceedings;

2. Several of the Steering Committee members cooperated in the planning only in a pro forma way not, apparently, out of disagreement with the program, but due to lack of understanding of the significance of the Conference;

3. Participants in the Conference were not particularly responsible in attending all sessions of the Conference nor in staying for the entire Conference;

4. A better planned way should have been provided to allow district or county caucuses for specific discussions of local programs, and a definite method of reporting the results of these discussions should have been derived.

5. A better method of recording and reporting the results of the Conference to those who were not able to attend should have been planned in advance.

Participants in the Conference named a continuing Steering Committee composed of the individuals signing the original letter of invitation. This Committee has not really functioned since the Conference, although, of course, it would be quite easy for it to do so if a sufficient need were felt.

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April 27, 1965

Carl Holman
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1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Mr. Holman:

At a meeting on school desegregation held at Frogmore, South Carolina, April 23-25, I received a copy of the enclosed registration statistics pertaining to South Carolina.

Since these statistics are not a compilation of your office, but are in fact based on an estimate printed in the Charleston, South Carolina, News and Courier on November 1, 1964, I feel that this should have been acknowledged in your release. I am enclosing a copy of my own estimates based on the News and Courier article which indicates such acknowledgement.

More important, perhaps, is the discrepancy represented by typographical errors found in the original article and reprinted in your release. The Chairman of the Board of Registrars of Lexington County has confirmed by telephone that only 614 Negroes were registered in Lexington County as of January, 1965. In addition, the Editor of the Laurens Advertiser of Laurens, South Carolina, for want of a better source, estimates that between 2,100 and 3,200 Negroes are registered in that county.

This release from your office has apparently received wide circulation. I have seen the total estimate of registered Negroes in South Carolina, 138,534, appear in various press reports as well as in the Congressional Record. It is my sincere hope that more reliable statistics will be available in the future.

Very truly yours,

Richard Miles

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April 29, 1965

Mr. James Farmer, National Director
Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Farmer:

I am sorry that I was out of the state for the week prior to your appearance in Columbia. I was informed of this scheduled appearance only on Friday, April 23, when enroute to a school desegregation conference in Frogmore, South Carolina. I was able to attend your meeting of April 25, but intervening events did not seem to permit our meeting.

At its regular meeting of April 28, the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project passed the enclosed resolution. I think that it clearly indicates our intention in these matters of mutual concern, and I am pleased to be able to send it to you.

We have not released this resolution to the press nor do we see any need to do so.

Many of the members of the Executive Committee of the S.C. VEP were concerned over your public statements concerning the need to work to defeat Senator Thurmond, Senator Russell, and Congressman Watson. The Executive Committee feels that the cause of liberal political action in South Carolina is not served by such statements considering the political situation at this time.

We look forward to close cooperation with the Congress of Racial Equality in South Carolina

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles, Field Director
S.C. VEP

RM:sm
cc: Mr. James McCain
S.C. VEP Executive Committee
S.C. VEP County Chairmen

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Resolution
Passed - April 28, 1965

WHEREAS, it is common knowledge that tremendous difficulties remain to be overcome in the area of voter registration in South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Voter Education Project is not formally affiliated with any national organization nor does it intend to do so, and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Voter Education Project is and will remain non-partisan in its political activities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project officially welcome the support of the Congress of Racial Equality in aiding the efforts of voter registration in the State of South Carolina, and

THAT the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project formally accept the offer of cooperation in this area extended to it by the Congress of Racial Equality, and

THAT the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project in turn offer full cooperation in this area to representatives of the Congress of Racial Equality working in the State of South Carolina,

PROVIDED

THAT the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project neither approve nor disapprove of statements made by representatives of the Congress of Racial Equality relative to the political situation in South Carolina, and

THAT the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project renew its affirmation of non-partisanship in the fulfillment of its stated tasks.

Columbia State 4-26-65

Grounded

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Target: S. C. Senators

Farmer Tells Goals

By WILLIAM E. HUGHES
Staff Writer

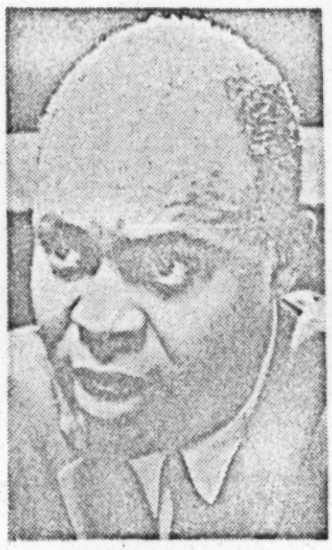
South Carolina's two senators were named as prime targets of Negro voting strength Sunday by James Farmer, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality.

Farmer spoke to a Columbia meeting sponsored by a number of Negro groups several hours after appearing in Washington on the nationally televised program "Face the Nation."

"I believe in the next election the Negro vote may be crucial and may succeed in upsetting Sen. Strom Thurmond," Farmer said in the televised interview. "He is a key target."

As for Sen. Donald S. Russell, D-S.C., who resigned as governor last week to accept appointment to the Senate, Farmer said 'We will be aiming at him too."

At the Columbia meeting, Farmer said, "If Russell continues his trend opposing the voting rights bill, we will oppose Russell when he comes up for reelection."



JAMES FARMER

During the national telecast, the CORE director predicted a summer of intense civil rights activity both in the North and South — but with emphasis shifting away from street demonstrations and stressing political activity.

Farmer's appearance here was sponsored by a number of Negro groups working to increase voter registration.

The Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman, S. C. NAACP field director, said last week he didn't think South Carolina Negroes needed any outside help in registering.

Farmer and James T. McCain of Sumter, S. C. CORE registration director, were asked to comment on Newman's statement. Both answered "no comment," but Farmer added: "It is CORE's policy to work with any legitimate group. We don't have time to fight other organizations. We're too busy fighting segregation and other problems."

McCain said that the present emphasis on voter registration in South Carolina is nothing new in South Carolina. "Why, we've been doing this sort of thing for the past six years. We've had an office and staff in Sumter for a long time."

Farmer was asked how many volunteers CORE was planning to send to South Carolina.

"I can't say because we don't know how many we're going to need. Mr. McCain will study the situation and we'll send as much help as

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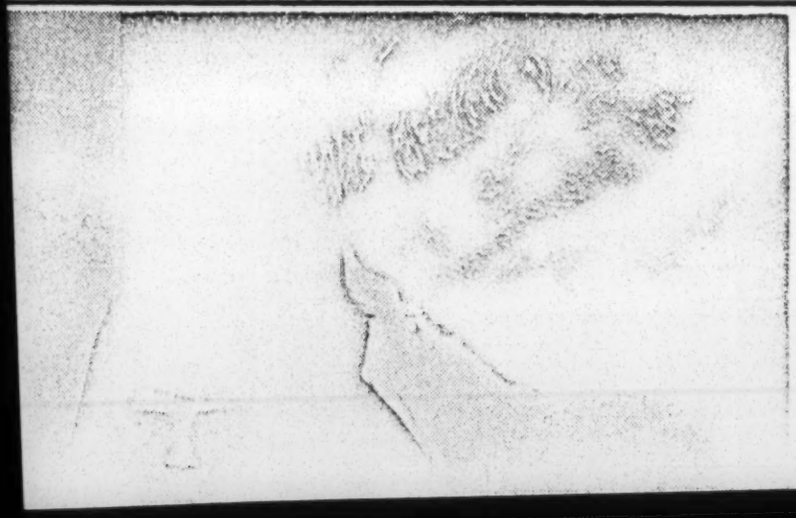

2 Arrested in Raids On 2 Richland Clubs

Richland County deputies arrested two persons in raids on two clubs.

Sheriff's reports said the Army-Navy Club on Wildcat Road was raided at 11:30 p.m. Friday night.

More than 100 cans of beer were confiscated along with one half-pint of whiskey, reports indicated.

confiscated at least a dozen cases of beer.

A clerk was arrested and charged with selling beer on Sunday, according to police reports.

Bankers Attend

State Meeting

ers, Mrs. J. A. (Beulah) Crout, and Mrs. O. L. (Bertha) Darlington; both of Lexington; five brothers, P. D. Steele, Columbia, D. A. Steele, Citrus, Fla., W. M. Steele, Aiken, John F. Steele, and S. A. Steele, both of Lexington; 26 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at p.m. Monday at the St. Matthews Lutheran church by the Rev. Edwin Zeigler and the Rev. Otto Reenstjerna. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be Ralph Darlington, George Steele, Alton Harmon, Floyd Steele, Grover Keisler, and Callison Crout.

Honorary pallbearers will be Killian Steele, W. H. Keisler, E. R. McCartha, Ordis Miller, Dr. J. F. Liverman, Jesse M. Keisler, and members of the St. Matthews Lutheran Church council.

The casket will be placed in the church at 3 p.m. Until that time friends may call at Sale Funeral Home or the residense on Rte. 3.

Ralph L. Long

DUE WEST—Ralph L. Long, 40, of Greenville, died unexpectedly last Monday while visiting in Columbia.

He was a native of Due West, the son of the late Dr. Edgar and Agnes Grier Long. He was a member of the Due West ARP Church, a veteran of World War II, and was employed by the Greenville post office.

Surviving are two brothers, Moffatt G. Long, Greenville, and Hazel H. Long, Atlanta.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Monday from the Due West ARP Church. Burial in the church cemetery under the direction of Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville.

Harry L. Lane

MARION — Harry Lee Lane, 34, died Sunday morning at a Charleston Hospital after a short illness.

He was the son of Less P. and Sula Hood Lane, who survive along with four sisters, Mrs. William Turner and Mrs. Carol Hayes, both of Marion, Mrs. Ed Graham, Dillon, and Miss Linda Gale Lane, at home; and a child, Dianne Lane, at home.

Funeral services will be at the Smith Brothers Funeral Chapel Marion, at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Interment in the Devotion Gardens.

James A. Carroll

BEAUFORT — James Allen Carroll, 58, 104 Falls Road, Bon Aire Estate, died Sunday in a local hospital after a short illness.

He was a retired civil service employe, having worked at the

Francis Tully Smith and Jack Smith, both of Cheraw, and Glenn Smith of Chesterfield; two sisters, Mrs. Melvin Sellers of Cheraw and Mrs. J. D. Sims of Huntsville, Ala.; four brothers, A. P. Freeman of Morven, N. C., Lee Freeman and Rue Freeman, both of Chesterfield, and Edward Freeman of Lincolnton, N.C.; and 19 grandchildren.

Henry L. Cook

SUMMERVILLE—Henry Lee Cook, 51, Summerville, died Sunday at Dorchester County Hospital, Summerville.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. today at Crockettsville Cemetery near Hampton, under the direction of Dyal Funeral Home, Summerville.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Letha L. Cook, Summerville; five sisters, Mrs. Sadie Colller, Mrs. Mary Mosley, and Mrs. Bertha Goodings, all of Fairfax, Mrs. Ethel Pritchett, Beaufort, and Mrs. Saldie Fennel, Brunson; and three brothers, Louis Cook and Willie Cook, both of Brunson, and Roy Cook, Beaufort.

He was born in Brunson, Oct. 20, 1913, the son of the late Lovett and Viola Cook. He was educated in the Hampton County schools and was a carpenter. He had lived in Hampton until the last two years when he moved to Summerville.

Bonnette Infant

ORANGEBURG—Linda Renee Bonnette, 22-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edward Bonnette, Rte 2, Orangeburg, died Sunday night.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are a brother, Henry Edward Bonnette Jr.; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Carson, Livingston; and the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Bonnette, Neeses.

Funeral services will be at 4:30 p.m. Monday at the graveside in Neeses Cemetery. The body will remain at the Culler Funeral Home, North, until time of services.

Mrs. S. C. Harris

Mrs. Samuel Caldwell Harris, 65, 740 Kilbourne Road, died early Sunday morning in the Columbia Hospital after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Harris, the former Esther Teal Efird, was born in Anson County, N. C., daughter of the late James T. and Martha Ellen Gulledge Teal. She had lived in Columbia since 1919 where she was a member of Washington Street Methodist Church, past president of the Isabella Martin Bible Class of the church, member of the Ann Pamela Cunningham Chapter of the D.A.R. and past president and member of the Columbia Garden Club.

Surviving are her husband;

return home late that night, Mrs. Hite called the landing at Holiday Shores.

A short time later, Hite's auto was located and his boat was found partly submerged in a deep section of the lake.

Dragging operations by several rescue squads began with as many as eight boats in the area at a time.

The bottom of the lake is rugged and covered with tree stumps in the Holiday Shores area.

Rescue squads were using 100-foot drag lines in an attempt to recover the body.

Operations were called off late Sunday night, but were scheduled to resume early today.

Union Woman Shot to Death

UNION (AP) — Wade Lee, 52, lift operator at a textile mill, shot his wife to death Saturday after she had wounded him, Sheriff Harold Lamb said.

The sheriff said that Lee was shot in the lower left ribs, then wrested the .22 pistol from his wife, Sallie Mae Lee, 34, and shot her twice in the upper chest.

The sheriff quoted Lee as saying that during the argument in their front yard she had first hit him and broken his glasses.

Farmer

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he feels he'll need to carry out the project."

Farmer and McCain were asked if they would consider endorsing former Gov. Ernest F. Hollings to run against Russell for the U. S. Senate.

"It's too early to make any endorsements. That would be a premature move on our part," the two agreed.

Farmer and McCain said there were over 400,000 potential Negro votes in South Carolina and that the Negro movement would field a serious candidate for national office by 1968.

Funeral Announcements

MR. HARRIS: Funeral services for MRS. ESTHER TEAL EFIRD HARRIS, wife of Mr. Samuel Caldwell Harris, will be held from Washington Street Methodist Church THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock. Interment in Elmwood Cemetery.

Dunbar Funeral Home

Victims

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p.m. Saturday when the small plane ripped into a tall pine tree and flipped over into a backyard in an Augusta residential section. Wilson and Winter were the plane's only occupants.

William Nickels, 22, of Augusta, was injured by falling debris but was released from the hospital Saturday after being treated for cuts on the scalp and forehead.

The plane had attempted a take off from Daniel Field here and failed to clear the pine trees in the area.

The single engine plane snapped a foot-wide tree about 30 feet from the ground and flipped over. Parts of the plane were strewn over the residential area, which is half-a-block from the airfield.

Wilson lives at 2831 Superior St. Winter, of 3001 Grace Hill, is the son of Dr. William E. Winter, an associate journalism professor at USC and an editoral writer for The State.

The two Columbians were returning from an engineering meeting at the University of Alabama. Winter is an engineering student.

Wilson, a Columbia native, joined the USC faculty in 1949 and has been a full professor there since 1961. He is a veteran pilot and a member of the Civil Air Patrol.

Storm

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covered by insurance.

Kenlon manufactures knitting yarn.

In other parts of Allendale County and in Bamberg Counties, the electrical storm did no great damage, but residents found themselves temporarily without electrical or telephone service.

The storm was accompanied by high winds, heavy rain and in many areas, hailstones as large as marbles.

Fairfax reported two small fires which were attributed directly to the storm.

In Allendale and in Erhardt in Bamberg County, two inches of rain was reported in a two-hour period.

Allendale County Agricultural Agent William H. Fuchness said that crop damage was not great, considering the storm's intensity. Tall grain was blown to the ground and some peach damage was reported. Fuchness said that damage to cotton, watermelon and other crops cannot be determined for several days.

No injuries due to the storm were reported.

Long-time Allendale residents described Saturday's storm as the worst ever experienced in this area.

projects:

Florence-Horry-Marion Countie
Files Nos. 21.1051, 26.1047 &
(Road Work)—US Route 378
Routes 41 & 51—Type—Resurfac
hot laid asphaltic concrete surfa
(Type 3); length—32.84 miles.
proposal—$2.00.

Charleston County—S. C. File
491.12—F. A. Project No. FU
(Bridge Painting)—US Route 17-
painting of steelwork for an
Cooper River Bridge on US Ro
Charleston. Cost of plans—$10
posal—$2.00.

Charleston County—S. C.
10.549.1—F. A. Projects Nos. I-2
FU-2535(5)—(Foundation Borings
& U.S. Route 17—the foundatio
for structure on Interstate Rou
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Route 17 in Charleston. Plans w
nished free of charge. Cost of
$2.00.

*Darlington-Florence Counties
File No. 1621.314—F. A. Project
3(12)—(Bridge Work)—Interst
95—the construction of twin
concrete bridges (totalling 300
High Hill Creek on Interstate
north of Florence. Cost of pl
proposal—$2.00.

*Florence County—S. C. File
—F. A. Project No. I-IG-95 3(12
Work)—Interstate Route 95—the
tion of twin prestressed conc
passes (totalling 306 ft.) over
board Air Line Railroad on
Route 95 northwest of Florenc
plans—$5.00; proposal—$2.00.

Lancaster County—S. C. Fil
379—F. A. Project FG-2626(3
Work)—State Route 9 By-Pass
struction of a 168 Ft. prestr
crete overpass over the Souther
on State Route 9 By-Pass no
Lancaster. Cost of plans—$5.0
al—$2.00.

York County—S. C. File N
F. A. Project No. FG-274(
Work)—US Route 21—the wid
reinforced concrete of a 120
over the Seaboard Air Line R
US Route 21 near Roddey. Cost
$5.00; proposal—$2.00.

Berkeley-Dorchester Counties-
Nos. 818.312, 8.398 & 8.401—F
jects Nos. S-382(4) Parts 1, 2
S-382(5) Parts 1 & 2—(Road
Route 17-A—Type—the grading
asphaltic concrete surfacing
struction of concrete curb and
concrete sidewalk for the re
and improvements; length—1
Cost of proposal—$2.00.

Cherokee County—S. C.
11.405 & 11.406—F. A. Proj
1485(1)—State Project No. C
Work)—Roads S-213, S-214,
S-90 & S-774—Type—Grading
nous surfacing; length—4.599
or proposal—$2.00.

Chester County—S. C. Files
& 12.424—State Projects No
C-424—(Road Work)—Roads S
S-334, S-523, S-524, S-525, S-526
S-519, S-20, S-528 thru S-532, S-
Type—Grading and bituminous
length—7.559 miles. Cost of
$2.00.

Dillon County—S. C. Files N
17.368—F. A. Project No. S-2
Project No. C-368—(Road W
S-425, S-70, S-31, S-423, S-421,
S-94 & S-271—Type—Grading
rous surfacing; length—6.989
of proposal—$2.00.

Georgetown-Horry Counties-
Nos. 22.370 & 26.413—F. A.
F-342(5)—(Road Work)—US
Type—Grading, drainage, sta
base course (asphalt) and a
crete surfacing for the const
four lane divided highway;
miles. Cost of plans—$10.00
$2.00.

Greenville County—S. C. Fi
—F. A. Projects Nos. S-1454
S-1837(1), S-1845(1), S-1843(1
S-1834(1), S-1838(1), S-1842(1)
(Road Work)—Roads S-263,
S-316, S-450, S-451, S-134,
& S-455—Type—Surfacing w
concrete surface course;
miles. Cost of proposal—$2.0

Kershaw County—S. C.
28.402 & 28.403—F. A. Pro
1729(3)—State Project No.
Work)—Roads S-404, S-527,
S-143, S-540 & S-755—Type—
bituminous surfacing; length
Cost of proposal—$2.00.

Lancaster County—S. C. F
—State Project No. C-395—(R
Roads S-296 & S-405—Type—
tuminous surfacing and co
parking areas and boat ran
3.554 miles. Cost of propos

Laurens County—S. C. File
& 30.437—F. A. Project No
State Project No. C-437—(R
Roads S-496, S-525, S-529,
S-518, S-528, S-523, S-524,
S-900 & S-202—Type—Grad
tuminous surfacing; length
Cost of proposal—$2.00.

Laurens County—S. C. File
F. A. Project No. F-1
Work)—US Route 25—Type
drainage and asphaltic conc
for the reconstruction a
length—5.511 miles. Cost
$2.00.

Laurens-Newberry Countie
Nos. 30.439 & 36.377—State
F-439 & F-377—(Road Work)
72—Type—Grading, drainage
tic concrete surfacing for t
tion and widening; length—

S.C. Needs No Aid, NAACP Leader Says

The field secretary of the South Carolina NAACP said Friday he doesn't think South Carolina Negroes need outside help in voter registration.

The Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman, NAACP field secretary, said, "In the last four years there has been a 147 per cent increase in Negro voter registration without any outside invasion," the Rev. I. DeQuincey Newman said.

"I think this is one of the best records of voter registration anywhere in the South. I think that record speaks for itself as to whether or not we need outside assistance."

Registration of Negroes increased from 58,000 in 1960 to more than 150,000 in 1964, he said.

Newman's comments were in response to an announcement last week by Congress of Racial Equality Director James Farmer that CORE would send 100 workers into South Carolina this summer to work on Negro voter registration. Farmer is scheduled to be in Columbia Sunday and will hold a press conference.

In his remarks, Newman added, "Negroes of South Carolina have never spurned a bona fide offer of help. At the same time I believe I voice the sentiment of Negroes in South Carolina when I say that we feel perfectly capable of providing our own leadership in the area of voter registration as well as in other civil rights activities."

Bob Talbert At Large

Embarrassing Task

Explaining unusual accidents to your fellow workers may be one of life's most difficult and embarrassing tasks. Black-eyes, for instance, have been attributed to more door edges than there are doors.

One of the most embarrassing things to explain is a circular bruise in the middle of the forehead. I would venture to say that seven out of ten fathers at one time or the other have had this unfortunate experience. It happened to me recently when Daughter Dafna plopped one of those suction-cup arrows on my head. I tugged it off, with some effort, and within an hour, there was the circular, reddish-blue bruise where the blood rushed to the surface.

Recently I've noticed a half a dozen of these bruise-badges on the foreheads of young fathers. Each case has been attributed to a new child's suction-cup toy that's hula-hooping its way across the country as the hottest item in years.

But when it comes to embarrassing accidents, I believe Julian Johnson, who works in composing room of this newspaper, is 1965's leading candidate for the "How Am I Gonna Explain This to the Boys at Work" award.

Johnson purchased one of these put-it-together-yourself barbecue grills, a big 24-inch model that

State House March Still Scheduled

By JACK BASS
Staff Writer

The South Carolina NAACP plans to proceed with its march to the State House Thursday despite the change in state administration.

Gov. Robert E. McNair replaced Donald S. Russell as chief executive Thursday. Russell was appointed U.S. senator.

Field Secretary I. DeQuincey Newman said the change was taken into consideration, but the NAACP leadership decided to proceed as originally planned to protest "the lackadaisical and in some cases racially discriminatory manner" in which the Economic Opportunity Act is being administered in South Carolina.

Newman said a minimum of 2,000 are expected in the march and that he would not be surprised if there are many more from throughout South Carolina.

The legislature will be out of town Thursday, on a visit to the Grand Strand by an invitation accepted several months ago.

The march, the first Negro protest demonstration in the state since last summer, will be the first major test for Governor McNair, although not aimed specifically at him.

Newman indicated the march was directed primarily at legislative delegations that had done

Jolly Gets Innocent Verdict

By GUS J. CHIGGES
Staff Writer

Carl B. Jolly, 51, won a court-directed verdict of innocent here Friday in the pistol slaying last July 22 of C. B. (Bubba) Jordan, 55.

A two-week session of General Sessions Court, presided over by Circuit Judge George T. Gregory of Chester, came to an end shortly afterward.

Judge Gregory directed the verdict upon motion by defense counsel that sufficient evidence was presented to substantiate a plea of self defense.

Jolly, who was charged with murder and of carrying a concealed weapon, entered a plea of guilty to the latter charge and received a 30-day sentence.

The plea of self defense was supported by testimony of several witnesses and Jolly himself that Jordan threatened Jolly with a knife prior to the shooting.

The incident occurred at 1120 Pendleton Street after an evening of drinking and participation of a "skin game" (played with cards) by the two men and several others.

The prosecution sought to prove that Jolly knew Jordan to be of violent temperament and could have avoided the association beforehand, or could have left the scene later to avoid the slaying.

"I concur with the solicitor that this was a needless killing" said Judge Gregory, "and even thought I am not happy about it, I must grant the motion for a directed verdict of innocent based upon the evidence pointing to self defense."

The trial began Thursday afternoon before a 12-man jury, and ended about noon Friday.

Judge Gregory, ending four months duty in the Fifth Circuit said he had found all court officials, attorneys and jurors cooperative and efficient, and expressed his appreciation.

Aiken Firm Sues SCE&G For $189,000

By DAVID W. BLEDSOE
West Carolina Bureau

AIKEN — An Aiken development company filed a $189,000 damage suit Friday against

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Council of Richmond, Va., South Carolina has, through February, collected $7,638,211 in cigarette taxes.

At the same time, 47 other states, the District of Columbia and the federal government were collecting other taxes that will total $3 billion by June 30.

Only two states, including North Carolina which grows 70 per cent of the flue-cured tobacco and is headquarters for most domestic cigarette manufacturers, have no cigarette taxes.

Tobacco leaders take pride in a price support program that has cost the U. S. government only $38 million since its inauguration in 1946.

Since 1933, the leaders point out, the federal government has realized $39.4 billion in tobacco excise taxes, or a return of 1,000 times the cost of price supports for growers.

In the same 32-year-period, state governments were collecting $12.6 billion in cigarette taxes.

The same leaders, however, are genuinely concerned over the apparent agreeability of state legislatures to raise cigarette taxes. Some legislatures have threatened to tax the product out of existence, in deference to the so-called link between cigarette smoking and cancer.

Until last year, however, no state had broken the 8-cent tax barrier. Mississippi—a non-tobacco growing state—raised their tax to 9 cents, and New York—a state with sometimes vehement anti-tobacco feelings and a low state treasury—followed suit this year with a 10-cent tax doubling the previous tax.

Cigarettes now sell for 40 cents in New York, compared with 30 cents in South Carolina. Bootlegging of cigarettes into New York has now become such a problem that state police are threatening a tunnel patrol to check cars entering the state for non-New York taxed cigarettes.

The threat is reminiscent of the so-called "border patrol" in South Carolina after the increased state tax here. At that time bootlegging from North Carolina was rampant. It still is.

Irate tobacco dealers predict the New York tax will lower cigarette sales there 20 to 25 per cent. The loss is expected to be picked up by New Jersey with an 8-cent tax, or Connecticut with a 6-cent levy.

In flue-cured tobacco states, taxes range from nothing in North Carolina to 3 cents in Virginia. Florida has an 8-cent tax, Alabama, a 6-cents; Georgia an 8 cents, and S. C. a 5-cents.

CORE Leader to Speak At Columbia Church

James Farmer, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), will address a meeting at the Second Nazareth Baptist Church today at 5 p.m.

Farmer's appearance is sponsored by the Palmetto Voters Association, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, the Baptist Minister's Union of Columbia, and the Richland County Citizen's Committee.

Farmer announced last week that CORE would send 100 workers into South Carolina to work on Negro voter registration this summer.

South Carolina NAACP Field Director I. DeQuincy Newman said Friday he felt South Carolina Negroes didn't need the outside help.

Newman pointed out that South Carolina's record of voter registration is "one of the best . . . anywhere in the South."

In a press release Saturday, the Palmetto Voters Association and local CORE officials answered Newman saying, "All workers will be local people paid by local funds in co-operation with the national organization."

The release said that it was suspected that the real reason Newman attacked CORE and other organizations in the state was because he couldn't have the organizations under his personal control and was unsuccessful in persuading them to the march on the state capitol scheduled for Thursday.

The release was distributed by the Rev. William McKinley Bowman, public relations director for the voter association. James T. McCain is CORE representative in South Carolina.

Will Retain Same Aides

South Carolina's new U.S. Sen. Donald S. Russell will keep the same aides he had as governor.

He announced Saturday that Fred R. Sheheen of Camden and Emslie Hendrix of Spartanburg will be his administrative assistants.

Thomas A. Hutto of Charleston will be stationed fulltime in Columbia. The senator's son, Donald Russell Jr., will commute between Columbia and Washington.

Sheheen will serve as Russell's press secretary in addition to handling other duties.

Additional appointments to fill other staff positions are expected soon.

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In Columbia Speech

Sutherland, Army Reserve General, Blasts Proposed Merger With Guard

One of the nation's senior reserve officers Saturday described as "ill-conceived and poorly staffed" the proposed absorption of the Army Reserve into the National Guard, with attendant reduction of both forces.

The observation came from Maj. Gen. Carl Sutherland of Atlanta, long-time commanding general of the 81st Infantry Division. He spoke during the afternoon session of the annual convention of South Carolina reserve officers, held at the Hotel Columbia.

Lt. Col. James E. Wright, an army reservist from Florence, was elected departmental president of the Reserve Officers Association for the coming year.

His three vice presidents are Cmdr. Samuel L. Harleston (Navy) of Charleston; Lt. Col. L. R. Kirk (Army) of Columbia and Col. Paul P. Pritchard Jr. (Air Force) of Ware Shoals.

Other officers include Lt. Col. Hugo S. Sims (Army) of Orangeburg, Judge Advocate; Capt. J. H. Hill (Marine Corps) of Greenville, Chaplain, and Capt. Don Richardson (Army of Seneca, Surgeon.

The one-day conference concluded Saturday night at a banquet honoring Maj. Gen. Robert M. Jones and his senior officers of the 108th Division (training). Gen. Jones, a member of the Clemson University athletic staff, is the ranking reserve officer in South Carolina's active reserves.

Maj. Gen. Frank S. Bowen Jr., a retired officer of the regular army now living in Columbia, was principal speaker at the banquet.

Other speakers during the day included Brig. Gen. John M. Wright Jr., assistant division commander of the 11th Air Assault Division, Fort Benning, Ga., and Cmdr. Dean Mitchell, commanding officer of the Polaris submarine Woodrow Wilson, based at Rota, Spain.

Gen. Sutherland contended that the proposed merger would reduce rather than improve the combat readiness of the civilian components. Already, he said, morale has suffered because of the indecision surrounding the future of the reserve forces, the secrecy with which the merger plan was developed, and the confusion concerning the possible disposition of cur... servists.

Maj. Gen. Sutherland, Maj. Gen. J...

Addendum B

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April 30, 1965

My Dear Friend:

As Richland County Chairman of the Voter Education Project, and as a person with a lifetime interest in the political status of the Negro people, I am appealing to you in your position and capacity as a recognized leader to use your influence to help in the great task of precinct and ward organization, registration, and voter participation in the most far-reaching decision the Second Congressional District has ever been faced with. As far as Negroes are concerned, it is a matter of life or death. The time has passed when last minute appeals just before an election will provide the impetus needed to get this job done; therefore, I urge you to communicate to your friends, associates, church, school groups and other organizations the urgent necessity of organizing each ward and precinct in your county so that unregistered persons may be exposed, registered and counted in this important special election June 15, 1965. We beg of you and all leaders in your county, community, precinct, church or other organization to meet, and together to request of your county senator additional days for registtration, and, in the meantime, to continue precinct and ward organization so that the granting of extra days will see a fruitful harvest of registered voters. In Richland County the registration books are now open and will remain open through May 15. In Lexington County the books will be open through May 8. Let us take full advantage of this registration period. In some of the other counties of the District, extra days for registration have already been granted.

We are on the threshold of a political breakthrough in South Carolina. Let us take up the challenge. This thing of organization, registration, and participation in elections cannot be achieved without a committment, an involvement of time, and personal sacrifice.

An addition to this letter shows the names, addresses, and in some instances the phone numbers of Voter Education Project Chairmen in your County. Contact the Chairman in your county and ask what you may do in this great undertaking. If no leadership is stimulated, DO IT YOURSELF. Organize, register, and get out the vote on June 15.

You are to be commended for past efforts. Please accept my sincere best wishes for the future, for when all is said and done on the evening of June 15, the ballots counted and the victory won, let us rejoice that we have played our part in the greatest victory our people have ever won in the interest of freedom, justice and opportunity and in support of the greatest President ever elected in our America.

Sincerely,

I. S. Leevy

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May 8, 1965

Dear Sir:

Virtually every South Carolina Congressman and political figure has issued a statement opposing S1564, the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Such statements usually include references to the free and open registration process as it is practiced in South Carolina.

The fact is that this alleged liberality is a myth.

The bare statistical facts show that as of November 1, 1964, nineteen (19) of the forty-six (46) counties in South Carolina had a Negro registration rate under thirty percent (30%) of the total number of eligible Negroes in the respective county. Two (2) counties of the state had Negro registration rates lower than ten percent (10%).

Not a single county in South Carolina, however, had a white registration rate lower than forty-five percent (45%), and seven (7) had a white registration rate in excess of one hundred percent (100%) of the total number of eligible whites.

South Carolina is one (1) of two (2) states which does not have a compulsory school attendance law, and the economic facts of life in South Carolina keep a great many Negro children from ever obtaining even a basic education. Sixty-one percent (61%) of the state's Negro population over twenty-five (25) years old have only a sixth (6th) grade education or less. The literacy test used in South Carolina effectively disfranchises a great portion of these citizens.

In addition, in off-election years, registration books in most counties are open only one (1) day per month at the county court house and even then only from 9:00-5:00 with an hour or more off for lunch. In many cases it is extremely difficult for Negroes to obtain time off from their jobs in order to go to the county seat to register. A trip to the county seat may involve a round trip of as much as eighty (80) miles, and, of course, there is no guarantee that the prospective voter will be able to register during this day due to slow-down tactics which have been used in some counties.

There are also very strong psychological barriers inherent in a situation where Negroes must face an all-white and often hostile registration board in order to complete the registration process.

Last, but by no means least, many, many Negroes feel that their jobs would be placed in jeopardy if they were to register to vote. This is particularly true among the tenant farmers and domestics who make up a large percentage of the total Negro work force in South Carolina.

For all of these reasons and more, the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project strongly supports S1564, the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles

Richard Miles, Field Director
South Carolina
Voter Education Project

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RESOLUTION
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SOUTH CAROLINA
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Passed
April 27, 1965

WHEREAS, despite percentage increases in the numbers of Negroes registered to vote in the State of South Carolina, tremendous difficulties remain to be overcome in the area of voter registration in South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the lingering effects of a long-standing system of legal, political, and social segregation hinders the completion of the enfranchisement of all qualified voters, and

WHEREAS, these effects vary greatly in intensity from county to county in South Carolina, and

WHEREAS, the key provisions of S1564, the proposed federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, contain procedures designed to mitigate in part these discriminatory effects,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project formally endorse S1564, the proposed federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, and

THAT the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project urge the immediate passage of this Act by the Congress, and

THAT the Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project strongly urge each representative and senator from South Carolina to support this Act, both in committee and on the floor of the Senate and House of Representatives.

To Wiley Branton

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MARCH REPORT

From: South Carolina Voter Education Project state office

To: Headquarters Committee of S.C. VEP

Date: May 13, 1965

~~A financial report for the month of March should be attached and marked as Addendum A.~~

March 1: Meeting with nascent NAACP branch in St. George, Dorchester County.

Steering committee meeting on proposed school desegregation conference at Frogmore, S.C.

March 2: Continuation of steering committee meeting on school desegregation conference.

March 4: Meeting and discussion session with high school affiliate of the Columbia chapter of the S.C. Council on Human Relations.

March 5: Meeting with Mr. Booker of the Democratic National Committee. The following individuals were involved in the meeting:

Walker Solomon, Director, Palmetto Education Association
Isaac McGraw, Vice President, Democratic Party Ward 18, Columbia
James McCain, National Program Director, CORE
I.D. Newman, Field Director, S.C. NAACP
C.H. Thomas, President, S.C. VEP
James McPherson, Co-Chairman, Orangeburg County VEP
H.O. Harvey, Co-Chairman, Orangeburg County VEP

Mr. Booker was concerned with the possibility of obtaining additional registrants between this date and May 15, the cut-off registration date prior to the June 15th special election. Mr. McCain was quite optimistic and kept talking of the advantages of paid instead of volunteer workers. I was not impressed and pointed out the fact that Sumter County would have only 4 extra registration days during the projected period, Aiken (where CORE is not welcome due to Rev. Holman's personal dictum) would have only 14 days, and Richland would have 15 days. All other counties would have the usual one day per month.

March 8: Meeting with Fanny Neal, Field Director for AFL-CIO COPE. She informed me that:

1) National COPE had no personal antipathy for Rev. Newman;
2) National COPE was not financing the CORE summer program.

Meeting with representatives from most counties of the Second Congressional District of the S.C. VEP with representatives from the S.C. Labor Council, Wilbur Hobby, Regional Director of COPE, Mrs. Neal, Mrs. Modjeska Simkins of the Richland County Citizens Committee, and Isaac McGraw. Discussion concerned the possibility of the winner

of the Democratic primary being able to defeat Mr. Watson, the Republican candidate for Congress, in the June 15th special election. There was a general agreement that Mr. Culbertson, the liberal candidate, could not defeat Mr. Watson and that Mr. Callison, the moderate candidate, might. It was decided by mutual congent that no particular effort would be made to turn out a large vote for the Democratic primary on March 23.

March 10: Meeting with several community leaders from Richland County to explain results of the March 8 meeting with labor to them.

Discussion on the importance of voting and political organization with Dunbarton Branch of the NAACP, Barnwell County.

March 11: Meeting with inter-collegiate affiliate of the S.C. Council on Human Relations.

March 12: Meeting with Attorney Cain, VEP Chairman of Marlboro County. Mr. Cain appears in extremely poor mental health and seems on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Meeting in Dillon County with Mr. King, VEP Vice-Chairman, concerning a group of young people wishing to form a "Democratic Club." I counseled them to form an independent political action group and to work with the Dillon County VEP as closely as possible.

March 13: NAACP Board of Directors meeting in Orangeburg.

March 15: Meeting with committee formed from the Richland County Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance for purposes of door-to-door canvass of Ward 18 in Columbia.

March 19: Meeting with North Columbia Civic Club organized by Rev. C.J. Whitaker and containing most of the precincts in the northern half of Richland County outside of Columbia.

March 22: Meeting with Canvassing Committee of the Richland County Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance. Rev. John Mungin delivered a scathing and intemperate attack on "individuals who would use voter registration efforts for partisan purposes," implying a sell-out.

March 23: Mr. Callison defeated Mr. Culbertson in a lack-luster primary election. A copy of the county-by-county returns is enclosed and marked as Addendum B.

March 25: Meeting with Calhoun Thomas, acting Director of the S.C. Democratic Party, Alice Spearman, Executive Secretary of the S.C. Council on Human Relations, Donald Fowler of the Department of Political Science of the University of South Carolina, John McConaughy, President of Ward 18 Democratic Party of Columbia and professor of Political Science at the University of South Carolina, and C.H. Thomas of the VEP at the latter's request to discuss the possibility of inclusion of Negroes into the processes of the S.C. Democratic Party.

Outside of a follow-up letter from the Democratic Party to all VEP personnel asking for $50 contributions to the S.C. Democratic Party, no concrete results were obtained from this meeting.

March 25: Meeting with inter-collegiate affiliate of the S.C. Council on Human Relations concerning the possibility of volunteers working with the incoming YWCA voter registration project in Richland County.

March 27: Meeting with Aiken County VEP organization. I discovered later that a copy of the invitational letter was given to Senator Thurmond and circulated widely in Republican circles. A copy of the letter is attached and marked as Addendum C.

The Executive Committee of the S.C. Young Republican Federation had tabled a proposed resolution condemning S1564, the Voting Rights Act of 1965. However, when copies of this letter were circulated at the state convention of the YRF in Charleston, the resolution was brought on the floor and passed. The letter has come to the attention of the press and is being used to a slight extent in Mr. Watson's campaign. As of this writing, the S.C. VEP has not been publicly involved.

March 29: Meeting of the VEP Second Congressional District in Columbia.

Meeting of representatives from the VEP Second Congressional District with representatives from the S.C. Labor Council. In addition, Mrs. Simkins, Mr. McGraw, and Mr. Ben Mack, State Superviser for SCLC Citzenship Training Programs, attended. The following points were discussed:

1) The Democratic National Committee and the National Office of COPE were not satisfied with Mr. Callison's committment to the program of the National Democratic Party.

2) The joint labor-Negro committee was expected to discuss this matter further with Mr. Callison.

3) No funds would be expended for "another Watson."

4) Mr. Callison feels that labor and the Negro have no alternative but to support him.

5) There is a distinct possibility that he is right ~~concerning~~ considering the long-range implications of an overwhelming victory by Mr. Watson.

6) A six-man joint committee would be formed to interview Mr. Callison and to request his appearance before the whole committee.

March 30: Executive Committee meeting in Greenville. The following members were not present: Mr. Haile, Dr. Beck, Mr. Brown,

Rev. Nelson. The proposed VEP Constitution was discussed and amended. A copy is enclosed and marked as Addendum D. A Constitutional Convention will be held in Columbia on June 5, 1965, at which time VEP county chairmen will ratify the new Constitution.

March 31: Meeting of the VEP Sixth Congressional District in Florence. The meeting was poorly attended.

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COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 6/1/65

First Congressional District	Assessment	Amount Paid
Allendale	103.00	103.00
Beaufort	248.00	248.00
Berkeley	275.00	.00
*Charleston	1,114.00	.00
Clarendon	292.00	292.00
Colleton	206.00	.00
Dorchester	173.00	.00
Hampton	136.00	136.00
Jasper	110.00	110.00
Second Congressional Distict		
Aiken	310.00	.00
Bamberg	131.00	.00
Barnwell	110.00	110.00
Calhoun	119.00	25.00
Lexington	152.00	10.00
Orangeburg	597.00	17.17
Richland	945.00	.00
Sumter	509.00	250.00
Third Congressional District		
* Abbeville	148.00	.00
Anderson	279.00	50.00
Edgefield	132.00	132.00
Greenwood	190.00	190.00
McCormick	77.00	77.00
Newberry	151.00	.00
* Oconee	62.00	.00
* Pickens	67.00	.00
Saluda	77.00	77.00
Fourth Congressional District		
Greenville	536.00	25.00
Laurens	203.00	155.00
Spartanburg	503.00	.00
Fifth Congressional District		
*Cherokee	107.00	.00
Chester	179.00	40.00
Chesterfield	181.00	.00
Fairfield	178.00	35.00
Kershaw	193.00	93.00
*Lancaster	153.00	.00
*Union	128.00	.00
York	327.00	.00
Sixth Congressional District		
Darlington	340.00	.00
Dillon	206.00	206.00
Florence	528.00	528.00
Georgetown	263.00	263.00
Horry	264.00	264.00
Lee	208.00	208.00
Marion	255.00	100.00
Marlboro	202.00	202.00
Williamsburg	394.00	.00

*Not in VEP structure

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Summary of South Carolina County, Congressional District, and State Registration and Voting Statistics

as of 1 June 1965

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PREFACE

Registration figures are from the office of the Secretary of State of South Carolina and may be found in the following source: "Official Figures Given on Voting", The News and Courier, Charleston, South Carolina, August 24, 1965.

Election figures are from the following source: Supplemental Report of the Secretary of State to the General Assembly of South Carolina - Election November 3, 1964, Columbia, South Carolina, (?), n.d.

Population figures are from the following source: U.S. Census of Population: 1960. Vol. I, Characteristics of the Population. Part 42, South Carolina. Washington, D.C., 1963.

All other figures have been computed by the office of the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

The registration figures released by the Secretary of State contained the following numbers under the heading "Other": Berkeley - 4, Dillon - 5, Greenville - 12, Newberry - 1. In this booklet, the first three figures have simply been absorbed in the "White" column, and the figure for Newberry has been dropped since the addition of the figures for "White" and "Negro" for that County added up to the Secretary of State's total for Newberry County.

The Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project which is a federation of independent Negro county, civic organizations feels that the figures given by the Secretary of State for Negro registration in Cherokee, Laurens, and Lexington Counties are too high. In the addendum to this summary, the figure for Cherokee County has been allowed to stand for lack of a documented alternative. The figure for Laurens County of 6,134 has been changed to 2,650. This estimate was arrived at during a telephone conversation with the Editor of the Laurens Advertiser. The figure for Lexington County of 1,668 has been changed to 614 which was an estimate received during a telephone conversation on October 31, 1964, with Mr. Charles Shealy, Lexington County Clerk of Court, who had himself obtained this figure from Mr. E.W. Derrick, Chairman of the Board of Registrars for Lexington County. During a more recent telephone conversation, Mr. Shealy upheld the validity of the 1,668 figure and said that he was unable to remember the conversation of October 31.

Since it may be assumed that figures compiled by the Secretary of State showing total registration in each county are accurate, the changes made for Negro registration in Laurens and Lexington Counties are also reflected in changes in the white registration figures given for these counties.

The Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project has often been asked to explain how counties may register over 100% of the white population living in a given county. Official explanations are generally to the effect that the ten year registration period in South Carolina does not allow for population change and shift.

The Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project feels, however, that this alone is not a sufficient answer to this question. A reference to the educational statistics to be found in the already-mentioned census report for South Carolina shows that most counties in South Carolina contain a substantial number of functionally illiterate white adults. It does not seem likely that every single one of these individuals possessed property assessed at $300 for tax purposes, and yet until the passage of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, meeting such a property tax qualification would have been the only way such individuals could have been legally registered.

The Executive Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project feels, therefore, that many county boards of registration have registered white citizens without regard to their meeting either the literacy or the property tax qualifications required by South Carolina law, while at the same time such conditions have been required of Negro registrants.

South Carolina Voter Education Project
REGISTRATION AND VOTING STATISTICS FOR FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
as of 1 June 1965

County	Total Adult Pop.	Adult White Pop.	Adult Negro Pop.	% Adult Negro Pop.	Total # Reg.	# White Reg.	# Negro Reg.	% Adult Reg. of Total	% White Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Total	Unregistered White	Unregistered Negro
Allendale	5,736	2,531	3,205	55.9	3,452	2,898	554	60.2	114.5	17.3	16.1	-367	2,651
Beaufort	19,345	12,098	7,247	37.5	8,792	5,910	2,882	45.5	48.9	39.8	32.8	6,188	4,365
Berkeley	17,741	10,122	7,619	42.9	14,302	10,161	4,141	80.6	100.4	54.4	29.0	-39	3,478
Charleston	113,408	77,909	35,499	31.3	64,485	50,425	14,060	56.9	64.7	39.6	21.8	27,434	21,439
Clarendon	12,958	5,223	7,735	59.7	5,191	4,532	659	40.1	86.8	8.5	12.7	691	7,076
Colleton	14,383	8,203	6,180	43.0	9,754	7,835	1,919	67.8	95.5	31.1	19.7	368	4,261
Dorchester	12,491	7,121	5,370	43.0	9,657	7,901	1,756	77.3	111.0	32.7	18.2	-780	3,614
Hampton	8,763	4,711	4,052	46.2	5,727	4,610	1,117	65.4	97.9	27.6	19.5	101	2,935
Jasper	6,022	2,689	3,333	55.4	3,989	2,684	1,305	66.2	99.8	39.2	32.7	5	2,028
TOTAL	210,847	130,607	80,240	38.1	125,349	96,956	28,393	59.5	74.2	35.4	22.7	33,651	51,847

1964 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

County	Lyndon Johnson Popular Vote	Lyndon Johnson Plurality Gained	Barry Goldwater Popular Vote	Barry Goldwater Plurality Gained	% of Total Adult Pop. Voting	Total Vote
Allendale	772		1,740	968	43.8	2,512
Beaufort	2,747		3,432	685	31.9	6,179
Berkeley	3,537		6,100	2,563	54.3	9,637
Charleston	14,564		32,509	17,945	41.5	47,073
Clarendon	832		2,960	2,128	29.3	3,792
Colleton	2,051		4,637	2,586	46.5	6,688
Dorchester	1,604		5,109	3,505	53.7	6,713
Hampton	1,439		2,259	820	42.2	3,698
Jasper	1,022		1,593	591	43.1	2,595
TOTAL	28,548		60,339	31,791	42.2	88,887

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REGISTRATION AND VOTING STATISTICS FOR SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

as of 1 June 1965

County	Total Adult Pop.	Adult White Pop.	Adult Negro Pop.	% Adult Negro Pop.	Total # Reg.	# White Reg.	# Negro Reg.	% Adult Reg. of Total	% White Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Total	Unregistered White	Unregistered Negro
Aiken	42,686	32,646	10,040	23.5	39,947	31,937	8,010	93.6	97.8	79.8	20.1	709	2,030
Bamberg	8,178	4,371	3,807	46.6	5,366	4,250	1,116	65.6	97.2	29.3	20.8	121	2,691
Barnwell	8,894	5,652	3,242	36.5	7,655	6,785	870	86.1	120.0	26.8	11.4	-1,133	2,372
Calhoun	5,941	2,623	3,318	55.8	3,018	2,528	490	59.8	96.4	14.8	16.2	95	2,828
Lexington	33,556	28,774	4,782	14.3	25,333	23,665	1,668	75.5	82.2	34.9	6.6	5,109	3,114
Orangeburg	33,736	16,381	17,355	51.4	22,102	15,619	6,483	65.5	95.4	37.4	29.3	762	10,872
Richland	111,720	79,050	32,670	29.2	69,617	52,661	16,956	62.3	66.6	51.9	24.4	26,389	15,714
Sumter	37,384	22,004	15,380	41.1	17,056	12,877	4,179	45.6	58.5	27.2	24.5	9,127	11,201
TOTAL	282,095	191,501	90,594	32.1	190,094	150,323	39,772	67.4	78.5	43.9	20.9	41,179	50,822

1964 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

County	Lyndon Johnson Popular Vote	Lyndon Johnson Plurality Gained	Barry Goldwater Popular Vote	Barry Goldwater Plurality Gained	% of Total Adult Pop. Voting	Total Vote
Aiken	7,622		17,467	9,845	58.8	25,089
Bamberg	1,419		2,366	947	46.3	3,787
Barnwell	1,382		3,670	2,288	56.8	5,052
Calhoun	612		1,591	979	37.1	2,203
Lexington	4,807		12,041	7,234	50.2	16,848
Orangeburg	5,607		10,456	4,849	47.6	16,063
Richland	17,939		27,306	9,367	40.5	45,245
Sumter	3,775		7,729	3,954	30.8	11,504
TOTAL	43,163		82,626	39,463	44.6	125,789

South Carolina Voter Education Project
REGISTRATION AND VOTING STATISTICS FOR THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
as of 1 June 1965

County	Total Adult Pop.	Adult White Pop.	Adult Negro Pop.	% Adult Negro Pop.	Total # Reg.	# White Reg.	# Negro Reg.	% Adult Reg. of Total	% White Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Total	Unregistered White	Unregistered Negro
Abbeville	11,948	8,733	3,215	26.9	7,333	6,697	636	61.4	76.7	19.8	8.7	2,036	2,579
Anderson	57,140	47,542	9,598	16.8	33,224	30,608	2,616	58.2	64.4	27.3	7.9	16,934	6,982
Edgefield	7,867	4,103	3,764	47.9	4,659	4,013	646	59.2	92.3	17.2	13.9	90	3,118
Greenwood	25,982	19,218	6,764	26.1	17,853	15,378	2,475	68.7	80.0	36.6	13.9	3,840	4,289
McCormick	4,163	1,915	2,248	54.0	2,301	2,042	259	55.3	106.6	11.5	11.3	-127	1,989
Newberry	17,158	12,204	4,954	28.9	12,156	10,471	1,685	70.9	85.8	34.0	13.9	1,733	3,269
Oconee	21,992	19,762	2,230	10.1	14,552	13,356	1,196	66.2	67.6	53.6	8.2	6,406	1,034
Pickens	26,371	24,015	2,356	8.9	17,569	16,640	929	66.6	69.3	39.4	5.3	7,375	1,427
Saluda	7,900	5,573	2,327	29.5	6,204	5,376	828	78.5	96.5	35.6	13.4	197	1,499
TOTAL	180,521	143,065	37,456	20.8	115,851	104,581	11,270	64.2	73.1	30.1	9.7	38,484	26,186

1964 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

County	Lyndon Johnson Popular Vote	Lyndon Johnson Plurality Gained	Barry Goldwater Popular Vote	Barry Goldwater Plurality Gained	% of Total Adult Pop. Voting	Total Vote
Abbeville	2,689	1,241	1,448		34.6	4,137
Anderson	11,670	3,272	8,398		35.1	20,068
Edgefield	824		2,489	1,665	42.1	3,313
Greenwood	5,479		5,653	174	42.9	11,132
McCormick	498		939	441	34.5	1,437
Newberry	3,222		5,571	2,349	51.3	8,793
Oconee	5,560	2,848	2,712		37.6	8,272
Pickens	3,506		5,882	2,376	35.6	9,388
Saluda	1,409		2,524	1,115	49.8	3,933
TOTAL	34,857		35,616	8,120	39.0	70,473

South Carolina Voter Education Project

REGISTRATION AND VOTING STATISTICS FOR FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
as of 1 June 1965

County	Total Adult Pop.	Adult White Pop.	Adult Negro Pop.	% Adult Negro Pop.	Total # Reg.	# White Reg.	# Negro Reg.	% Adult Reg. of Total	% White Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Total	Unregistered White	Unregistered Negro
Greenville	120,970	102,365	18,605	15.4	74,408	66,040	8,368	61.5	64.5	45.0	11.3	36,325	10,237
Laurens	26,593	19,775	6,818	25.6	16,794	10,660	6,134	63.2	53.9	90.0	36.5	9,115	684
Spartanburg	90,364	73,317	17,047	18.9	63,836	56,620	7,216	70.6	77.2	42.3	11.3	16,697	9,831
TOTAL	237,927	195,457	42,470	17.9	155,038	133,320	21,718	65.2	68.2	51.1	14.0	62,137	20,752

1964 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

County	Lyndon Johnson Popular Vote	Lyndon Johnson Plurality Gained	Barry Goldwater Popular Vote	Barry Goldwater Plurality Gained	% of Total Adult Pop. Voting	Total Vote
Greenville	17,275		29,358	12,083	30.3	36,633
Laurens	4,365		5,081	716	35.5	9,446
Spartanburg	20,034	1,623	18,411		42.6	38,445
TOTAL	41,674		52,850	11,176	39.7	94,524

South Carolina Voter Education Project
REGISTRATION AND VOTING STATISTICS FOR FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
as of 1 June 1965

County	Total Adult Pop.	Adult White Pop.	Adult Negro Pop.	% Adult Negro Pop.	Total # Reg.	# White Reg.	# Negro Reg.	% Adult Reg. of Total	% White Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Total	Unregistered White	Unregistered Negro
Cherokee	19,397	16,037	3,360	17.3	15,692	14,243	1,449	80.9	88.8	43.1	9.2	1,794	1,911
Chester	16,836	11,172	5,664	33.6	13,005	10,725	2,280	77.2	96.0	40.3	17.5	447	3,384
Chesterfield	17,318	12,099	5,219	30.1	13,366	9,866	3,500	77.2	81.5	67.1	26.2	2,233	1,719
Fairfield	10,511	4,975	5,536	52.7	6,613	4,711	1,902	62.9	94.7	34.4	28.8	264	3,634
Kershaw	17,161	11,258	5,903	34.4	13,142	10,868	2,274	76.6	96.5	38.5	17.3	390	3,629
Lancaster	20,975	16,213	4,762	22.7	18,339	16,572	1,767	87.4	102.2	37.1	9.6	-359	2,995
Union	16,951	12,826	4,125	24.3	14,151	12,709	1,442	83.5	99.1	35.0	10.2	117	2,683
York	41,995	31,799	10,196	24.3	25,902	22,083	3,819	61.7	69.5	37.5	14.7	9,716	6,377
TOTAL	161,144	116,379	44,765	27.8	120,210	101,777	18,433	74.6	87.5	41.2	15.3	14,602	26,332

1964 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

County	Lyndon Johnson Popular Vote	Lyndon Johnson Plurality Gained	Barry Goldwater Popular Vote	Barry Goldwater Plurality Gained	% of Total Adult Pop. Voting	Total Vote
Cherokee	4,258	631	3,627		40.7	7,885
Chester	3,882	967	2,915		40.4	6,797
Chesterfield	4,634	2,185	2,449		40.9	7,083
Fairfield	2,628	631	1,997		44.0	4,625
Kershaw	3,168		5,617	2,449	51.2	8,785
Lancaster	4,970	228	4,742		46.3	9,712
Union	3,892	77	3,815		45.5	7,707
York	8,346	1,054	7,292		37.2	15,638
TOTAL	35,778	3,324	32,454		42.3	68,232

South Carolina Voter Education Project
REGISTRATION AND VOTING STATISTICS FOR SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
as of 1 June 1965

County	Total Adult Pop.	Adult White Pop.	Adult Negro Pop.	% Adult Negro Pop.	Total # Reg.	# White Reg.	# Negro Reg.	% Adult Reg. of Total	% White Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Total	Unregistered White	Unregistered Negro
Darlington	26,606	16,706	9,900	37.2	17,774	14,337	3,437	66.8	85.8	34.7	19.3	2,369	6,463
Dillon	14,254	8,725	5,529	38.8	9,031	6,915	2,116	63.3	79.3	38.3	23.4	1,810	3,413
Florence	48,427	27,047	21,380	44.2	28,457	23,356	5,101	58.8	86.4	23.9	18.0	3,691	16,279
Georgetown	16,028	8,855	7,173	44.8	11,586	7,998	3,588	72.3	90.3	50.0	31.0	857	3,585
Horry	34,947	27,518	7,429	21.3	22,411	19,923	2,488	64.1	72.4	33.5	11.1	7,595	4,941
Lee	9,840	4,394	5,446	55.4	5,572	4,393	1,179	56.6	99.9	21.7	21.2	1	4,267
Marion	15,786	8,102	7,684	48.7	8,454	6,613	1,841	53.6	81.6	24.0	21.8	1,489	5,843
Marlboro	14,162	8,230	5,932	41.9	9,017	8,109	908	67.9	98.5	15.3	9.4	121	5,024
Williamsburg	18,095	7,560	10,535	58.2	10,658	8,122	2,536	58.9	107.4	24.1	23.8	-562	7,999
TOTAL	198,145	117,137	81,008	40.9	122,960	99,766	23,194	62.1	85.2	28.6	18.9	17,371	57,814

1964 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

County	Lyndon Johnson Popular Vote	Lyndon Johnson Plurality Gained	Barry Goldwater Popular Vote	Barry Goldwater Plurality Gained	% of Total Adult Pop. Voting	Total Vote
Darlington	5,010		6,717	1,707	44.1	11,727
Dillon	2,773	31	2,742		38.7	5,515
Florence	7,157		10,346	3,189	36.1	17,503
Georgetown	3,423		4,705	1,282	50.7	8,128
Horry	5,444		8,293	2,849	39.3	13,737
Lee	1,156		2,489	1,333	37.0	3,645
Marion	2,046		3,197	1,151	33.2	5,243
Marlboro	2,422	558	1,864		30.3	4,286
Williamsburg	2,248		4,810	2,562	39.0	7,058
TOTAL	31,679		45,163	13,484	38.8	76,842

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REGISTRATION AND VOTING STATISTICS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA
as of 1 June 1965

C.D.	Total Adult Pop.	Adult White Pop.	Adult Negro Pop.	% Adult Negro Pop.	Total # Reg.	# White Reg.	# Negro Reg.	% Adult Reg. of Total	% White Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Total	Unregistered White	Unregistered Negro
1st C.D.	210,847	130,607	80,240	38.1	125,349	96,956	28,393	59.5	74.2	35.4	22.7	33,651	51,847
2nd C.D.	282,095	191,501	90,594	32.1	190,094	150,322	39,772	67.4	78.5	43.9	20.9	41,179	50,822
3rd C.D.	180,521	143,065	37,456	20.8	115,851	104,581	11,270	64.2	73.1	30.1	9.7	38,484	26,186
4th C.D.	237,927	195,457	42,470	17.9	155,038	133,320	21,718	65.2	68.2	51.1	14.0	62,137	20,752
5th C.D.	161,144	116,379	44,765	27.8	120,210	101,777	18,433	74.6	87.5	41.2	15.3	14,602	26,332
6th C.D.	198,145	117,137	81,008	40.9	122,960	99,766	23,194	62.1	85.2	28.6	18.9	17,371	57,814
TOTAL	1,270,679	894,146	376,533	29.6	829,502	686,722	142,780	65.3	76.8	37.9	17.2	207,424	233,753

1964 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RETURNS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA

C.D.	Lyndon Johnson Popular Vote	Lyndon Johnson Plurality Gained	Barry Goldwater Popular Vote	Barry Goldwater Plurality Gained	% of Total Adult Pop. Voting	Total Vote
1st C.D.	28,548		60,339	31,791	42.2	88,887
2nd C.D.	43,163		82,626	39,463	44.6	125,789
3rd C.D.	34,857		35,616	8,120	39.0	70,473
4th C.D.	41,674		52,850	11,176	39.7	94,524
5th C.D.	35,778	3,324	32,454		42.3	68,232
6th C.D.	31,679		45,163	13,484	38.8	76,842
TOTAL	215,699		309,048	93,349	41.3	524,747

South Carolina Voter Education Project

ADDENDUM

Optional Statistics
for
Lexington and Laurens Counties, the Second and Fourth Congressional Districts, and the State of South Carolina
using the VEP estimate for Negro voter registration in the two named counties

County	Total Adult Pop.	Adult White Pop.	Adult Negro Pop.	% Adult Negro Pop.	Total # Reg.	# White Reg.	# Negro Reg.	% Adult Reg. of Total	% White Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Eligible	% Negro Reg. of Total	Unregistered White	Unregistered Negro
Lexington	33,556	28,774	4,782	14.3	25,333	24,719	614	75.5	85.9	12.8	2.4	4,055	4,168
Second CD Total	282,095	191,501	90,594	32.1	178,030	149,778	28,252	63.1	78.2	31.2	15.9	41,723	62,342
Laurens	26,970	19,775	6,818	25.6	16,794	14,144	2,650	63.2	71.5	38.9	15.8	5,631	4,168
Fourth CD Total	237,927	195,457	42,470	17.9	155,038	136,804	18,234	65.2	70.0	43.0	11.8	58,653	24,236
State Total	1,270,679	894,146	376,533	29.6	829,502	691,260	138,242	65.3	77.3	36.7	16.7	202,886	238,291

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CONSTITUTION
of the
SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Preamble

We, the citizens of South Carolina, in order to increase the number of registered voters, to insure the participation of all citizens in the election process, and to provide the necessary education to instruct an informed electorate of its civic responsibilities and duties, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

I
Name

This organization shall be named the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

II
Purpose, Power, and Scope

Section I. The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a continuing means of fulfilling the following objectives:

Article 1. The registration of all qualified Negro citizens;

Article 2. The turn-out of all registered Negro voters during elections;

Article 3. The civic education of all Negro citizens.

Section II. The organization shall have such powers as vested in it by the Constitution;

Section III. The organization shall be of state-wide scope. It shall not become subordinate to any national organization.

III
Membership

Section I. Voting membership in the state organization shall be limited to the following categories:

Article 1. Duly recognized chairmen of county civic organizations

Article 2. Duly elected chairmen of congressional district organizations;

Article 3. Duly elected state officers.

Section II. Non-voting membership in the state organization shall be limited to the following categories:

Article 1. Paid staff of the organization;

Article 2. Duly recognized representatives of concerned organizations.

Section III. No person shall hold office or membership in the state organization unless he holds a valid registration certificate.

IV
Officers

Officers in the organization shall be:

Section I. All duly recognized chairmen of congressional district organizations;

Section II. All duly recognized chairmen of county civic organizations;

Section III. A President;

Section IV. A Vice President;

Section V. A Secretary;

Section VI. A Treasurer;

Section VII. A Chaplain;

Section VIII. A Legal Adviser;

Section IX. A Field Director.

V
Duties of Officers

Section I. The duties of the chairmen of counties shall be:

Article 1. To promote by all means at his disposal the registration, voting, and civic education of the citizens of his county;

Article 2. To gather assessments duly levied against his county by members of the state organization;

Article 3. To collect monthly voter registration statistics, election statistics whenever appropriate, and all other reasonable data requested by the Field Director;

Article 4. To represent either in person or by proxy his county at all regular and special meetings of his congressional district and of the state organization.

Section II. The duties of the chairmen of congressional districts shall be:

Article 1. To promote by all means at his disposal the registration, voting, and civic education of the citizens of his congressional district;

Article 2. To gather assessments duly levied against the counties of his congressional district from the respective chairmen of counties within his congressional district;

Article 3. To collect monthly voter registration statistics, election statistics whenever appropriate, and all other reasonable data requested by the Field Director from the chairmen of counties within his congressional district;

Article 4. To represent either in person or by proxy his congressional district at all regular and special meetings of his congressional district, of the Executive Committee, and of the state organization;

Article 5. To convene a regular monthly meeting and any special meeting as he or his organization may decide to call of chairmen of counties within his congressional district, and to give advance notice to the chairmen of the counties within his congressional district of such meetings;

Article 6. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution.

Section III. The duties of the President shall be:

Article 1. To preside at all regular and special meetings of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 2. To convene all regular monthly meetings and special meetings of the Executive Committee;

Article 3. To convene all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 4. To provide supervision and guidance to the Field Director as the Executive Committee may direct;

Article 5. To act as official spokesman of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 6. To sit on all regular and special committees of the state organization and of the Executive Committee as an ex-officio member;

Article 7. To appoint appropriate members of the Standing Committees as provided in the Bylaws;

Article 8. To enforce the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws;

Article 9. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section IV. The duties of the Vice President shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To assume temporarily the office and duties of the President in case of the absence or incapacity of the President;

Article 3. To assume the office and duties of the President in the event of the resignation or permanent incapacity of the President until which time a regular or special election shall be called to fill the office of the President;

Article 4. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 5. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, by the Executive Committee, and by the President.

Section V. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To keep careful and authentic records of the regular and special proceedings of the Executive Committee and the state organization;

Article 3. To prepare a roll of members of the state organization and of the members of all committees of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 4. To preserve all records, reports, and documents of the state organization and of the Executive Committee which are not assigned to others;

Section 5. To preside at all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of the state organization in the absence of the President and of the Vice President;

Article 6. To have available at all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the state organization a copy of the Constitution, of the Bylaws, of the standing rules, and of the parliamentary authority of the organization;

Article 7. To preside as chairman of the Credentials Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 8. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section VI. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To act as official custodian and disbursing officer for all funds of the Executive Committee and the state organization;

Article 3. To collect all money due the state organization and to safeguard it;

Article 4. To certify to the Credentials Committee those counties paying their duly levied assessment at least five (5) days prior to the annual September meeting;

Article 5. To keep an accurate record of all funds collected and disbursed and to be able to furnish a statement at any time showing the financial condition of the state organization;

Article 6. To act as chairman of the Headquarters Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 7. To sit as a member of the Ways and Means Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 8. To allow the annual auditing of his books by an independent auditor;

Article 9. To be bonded by a reputable bonding agent;

Article 10. To make monthly financial reports to the Ways and Means Committee of the financial condition of the state organization;

Article 11. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section VII. The duties of the Chaplain shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To open and close all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee with prayer;

Article 3. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 4. To perform all other spiritual duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section VIII. The duties of the Legal Adviser shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To act as Parliamentarian at all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of the state organization;

Article 3. To act as a consultant in all legal questions confronting the organization or any component part of the organization;

Article 4. To sit as a member of the Credentials Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 5. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 6. To sit as a member of the Headquarters Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 7. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section IX. The duties of the Field Director shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To sit on all regular and special committees of the state organization and of the Executive Committee as an ex-officio member;

Article 3. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 4. To act as chief administrator of the state office;

Article 5. To carry out the policies of the state organization and of the Executive Committee as expressed in the Constitution, and to expedite the program of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 6. To provide a monthly narrative and financial report of the activities of the state office to the Treasurer and to the President;

Article 7. To coordinate the work of the Executive Committee and of the several Standing Committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee;

Article 8. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

VI
Standing Committees

Section I. The following Standing Committees shall be established:

Article 1. The Executive Committee;

Article 2. The Ways and Means Committee;

Article 3. The Credentials Committee;

Article 4. The Elections Committee;

Article 5. The Headquarters Committee;

Article 6. The Nominating Committee.

Section II. The Standing Committees shall be made up of the following members:

Article 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

Sub-Section 1. Voting members of the Executive Committee shall be: The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, the chairmen of congressional districts. No one (1) person shall hold two (2) positions on the Executive Committee simultaneously;

Sub-Section 2. Non-voting members of the Executive Committee shall be: The Chaplain, the Field Director, one (1) designated representative from each of the duly recognized concerned organizations, and the chairmen of all standing committees.

Article 2. The Ways and Means Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and of all other members as designated in the Bylaws;

Article 3. The Credentials Committee shall consist of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, and all chairmen of the congressional districts;

Article 4. The Elections Committee shall consist of the Vice President, the Legal Adviser, the Chaplain, and the Field Director;

Article 5. The Headquarters Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, and of all other members as designated in the Bylaws;

Article 6. The Nominating Committee shall consist of all members as designated in the Bylaws.

VII
Duties of Standing Committees

Section I. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be:

Article 1. To carry out the policies of the state organization as set forth in the Constitution;

Article 2. To set policy for the state organization when the state organization is not in session, subject to the subsequent approval of the members of the state organization;

Article 3. To establish a state office and to hire a Field Director to administer this office;

Article 4. To provide supervision and guidance to the Field Director;

Article 5. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to it by the Bylaws and by the state organization.

Section II. The duties of the Ways and Means Committee shall be:

Article 1. To give financial approval to projects suggested by the Executive Committee;

Article 2. To raise funds for the support of the state office and for any other activities of the state organization;

Article 3. To propose an annual budget for the state office;

Article 4. To meet quarterly or at any other times as the Chairman of the Committee or the Executive Committee may see fit, and to make reports of the business of these meetings to the Executive Committee;

Article 5. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to it by the Bylaws and by the state organization.

Section III. The duties of the Credentials Committee shall be:

Article 1. To certify to the Executive Committee one (1) designated representative from each county who shall be considered the chairman of that county;

Article 2. To certify to the Executive Committee the results of the Elections Committee's findings concerning the regular and special election of chairmen of congressional districts;

Article 3. To certify to the Executive Committee those organizations which shall be entitled to non-voting representation on the Executive Committee;

Article 4. To certify to the Executive Committee the official representative of each duly recognized concerned organization;

Article 5. To certify to the Executive Committee to the best of their ability the number of registered Negro voters in each of the counties of the state;

Article 6. To certify to the Executive Committee those counties paying their duly levied assessments at least five (5) days prior to the annual September meeting.

Section IV. The duties of the Election Committee shall be:

Article 1. To certify to the Credentials Committee the regular and special election of chairmen of congressional districts;

Article 2. To certify to the state organization the regular and special election of state officers.

Section V. The duties of the Headquarters Committee shall be:

Article 1. To supervise the Field Director and his administration of the state office;

Article 2. To meet quarterly or at any other time as the chairman of the Committee or the Executive Committee may see fit, and to make reports of the business of these meetings to the Executive Committee.

Section VI. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be:

Article 1. To nominate at least two (2) candidates for each of the following positions to be filled by election by the state organization: The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, and the Chaplain;

Article 2. To circulate the report of the Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the election to all members and officers of the state organization.

VIII
Time, Place, and Nature of State Meetings

Section I. The state meeting of the organization shall set policy for the organization and shall examine the action taken by the Executive Committee in its behalf. State officers shall be elected at the appropriate state meeting as shall all members of Standing Committees as established in the Constitution and Bylaws;

Section II. The regular meeting of the state organization shall be at least twice yearly, on the date of the third Saturday in February and on the third Saturday in September;

Section III. The place of the next regular meeting shall be set at the preceding regular meeting;

Section IV. The Secretary shall notify by mail all members of the organization thirty (30) days in advance of each regular and special state meeting, and shall inform each chairman of each county of the total number of registered Negro voters in each county as certified by the Credentials Committee;

Section V. Special meetings of the state organization shall be called as follows:

Article 1. By the Executive Committee;

Article 2. By a written petition signed by a least two-thirds (2/3) of the duly recognized chairmen of county organizations and submitted to the Executive Committee.

Section VI. A county shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the state meeting for every two thousand (2,000) registered Negro voters or fraction thereof in that county as certified by the Credentials Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to each state meeting, except that every county shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote. The chairman of each county shall cast all of the votes entitled to his county by virtue of the number of certified Negro registrants in that county. No county shall be entitled to vote unless that county shall have paid its duly levied assessments as certified by the Treasurer to the Credentials Committee at least five (5) days prior to the annual September meeting;

Section VII. Disputes concerning the number of registered Negro voters in a given county shall be settled by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the state meeting.

IX
Election Procedure

Section I. Chairmen of congressional district organizations shall be elected by at least a majority vote of all chairmen of counties present at the election meeting of that congressional district organization. Chairmen of counties making up a congressional district organization shall themselves set the date of their election meeting and shall establish their own rules and regulations to govern the meeting of their congressional district organization;

Section II. A county shall be entitled during the election of state officers to cast one (1) vote for a given candidate for every two thousand (2,000) registered Negro voters or fraction thereof in that county as certified by the Credentials Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the election meeting, except that every county shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote. The chairman of each county shall cast all of the votes entitled to his county by virtue of the number of certified Negro registrants in that county;

Section III. State officers shall be elected at the regular meeting of the state organization which falls in February of an even numbered year;

Section IV. The term of office for all elected state officers shall be two (2) years.

X
Quorum

Section I. A quorum of the meeting of the state organization shall consist of one-half (½) of the total members of the organization;

Section II. A quorum of each Standing Committee shall consist of one-half (½) of the voting members of the respective Standing Committee.

XI
Amendments and Bylaws

Section I. Amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members at any regular or special meeting of the state organization, provided that all amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, and that he shall send each member a copy of the proposed amendment by mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of the next state meeting;

Section II. Bylaws of this Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of the voting members at any regular or special meeting of the state organization.

BYLAWS

I

Parliamentary Procedure

In all matters not covered by its Constitution or Bylaws, this organization shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order, revised.

II

Debate

Debate in the meetings of the state organization and in the meetings of the Standing Committees shall be curtailed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members present.

III

Membership in Standing Committees

Section I. The Ways and Means Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as set forth in the Constitution and one (1) representative from each of the congressional districts appointed by the President;

Section II. The Headquarters Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and the Legal Adviser as set forth in the Constitution and three (3) other members appointed by the President;

Section III. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected by the state organization at a regular meeting of the state organization.

IV

Functions of the State Office

The functions of the state office shall be as follows:

Section I. To collect, publish, and distribute South Carolina registration and voting statistics;

Section II. To act as a central representative to political parties on behalf of county organizations;

Section III. To approach members of state and federal government for liberalization of electoral laws;

Section IV. To approach foundations and philanthropic organizations for funds to further the work of voter registration and education;

Section V. To contact national organizations for volunteers for summer projects;

Section VI. To coordinate voter registration activities in the whole state to gain maximum psychological and political effect from county efforts;

Section VII. To provide a means enabling strong counties in the state to help weak counties in the state fulfill their goals as set forth in this Constitution;

Section VIII. To assist the work of political organization and voter education by providing uniform organizational and educational materials;

Section IX. To conduct research on political candidates and political issues.

V

Enabling Clause

This Constitution shall go into effect upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the county chairmen present and voting at a Constitutional Convention of the organization. For the purposes of reatification, each county shall have one (1) vote.

This Constitution was ratified at a Constitutional Convention of the South Carolina Voter Education Project held in Columbia, South Carolina, June 5, 1965.

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June 11, 1964

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Wiley A. Branton

From: Randolph T. Blackwell

Re: South Carolina Voter Education Project Meeting

Voter registration in the state of South Carolina has reached a level of organization and development wherein it can be expected to continue for some few years with a minimum amount of support and supervision. The leadership in the state is still lacking the confidence in its opinions that one would desire, but this will surely develop with time. The twelve or so field trips made in the state were fully justified by the positive accomplishment reflected in the three-session statewide meeting held May 30, 1964, which completed the formation of the South Carolina Voter Education Project. Against a background of three failing attempts at a statewide organization in the past twenty years, knowledgeable people in the state are now saying, "With the kind of leadership that the organization has, and with units in every county, we come closer to having a state organization than we ever have before."

The South Carolina project was developed in a way different from previous attempts. Instead of calling a few people from around the state together, and choosing state officers and then trying to move down to the local level, this organization was started at the county level, then moved to the congressional district level, and then on to the statewide level. One of the virtues of organizing this way was that leadership was passed out at each level, thereby decreasing the supply of available talent and lessening the possibility for conflict.

The May 30 meeting, the purposes of which are set out in a field report written May 20, entitled "South Carolina Leadership Meeting" went off as planned, and as set out in the attached program. The 4 o'clock session of county and congressional district chairmen was presided over by Dr. Thomas. (He has submitted a report of this meeting.)

I presided at a 4 o'clock dinner session that was closed to office holders and candidates. Some twenty persons attended. The principal speech was delivered by Mr. Moses Riddick, followed by a very healthy and enthusiastic discussion of the following questions:

1. Does the presence of Negro candidates substantially effect the interest Negro people show in the political life of the community?

2. How can interest be increased?

3. What kind of campaigns do Negroes usually conduct in the state?

4. What are some improvements that can be made on these campaigns?

5. What can we do to better prepare Negro candidates to serve, if elected?

Mr. Reddick was well received by the group, and made a real contribution. Some of the things that he said caused me to know that I have not yet mastered the art of speaking frankly without offending. At one point, he looked at the group and said, "All of you will be defeated - you sitting there praying to God to elect you to office. Don't you know the same God that is up there now was up there when you were in slavery? I prayed to be elected, and got defeated three times. Then I went to work, and built some block organization!" In the same frank way, he talked to the group about how to raise money for registration and where to look for it. (A tape of his speech was made, and is in our files.)

The evening session where Senator Leroy Johnson spoke was attended by about 750 people who received his message with great enthusiasm. The attached news clip summarizes this session. A partial list of the 160 delegates is also attached.

Randolph T. Blackwell
Field Director

RTB:js

NOTE: All attachments on original in RTB's Field Trip report file. Other info on SC and individual districts can be found there, also. js

Rec'd 7/2/65 WB

APRIL REPORT

From: South Carolina Voter Education Project state office

To: Headquarters Committee of S.C. VEP

Date: June 21, 1965

~~A financial report for the month of April should be attached and marked as Addendum A.~~

April 1: Meeting with Richland County Coordinating Committee to plan for YWCA voter registration project in Columbia.

April 2: Recruitment speech in Allen University Chapel for volunteers for YWCA project. Approximately 125 out of 200 students present signed up. County-wide meeting of community leaders for introduction of project leaders of YWCA group.

April 3: Orientation session for YWCA project.

April 4: Orientation session for YWCA project.

April 5: Steering Committee meeting on school desegregation Conference scheduled for Penn Center, Frogmore, South Carolina.

April 7: Joint meeting with representatives from labor and Negro political groups with Preston Callison, Democratic Party candidate for Congress from the Second Congressional District.

Precinct organization meeting in Blythewood Precinct, Richland County. A film from COPE, "The Wisconsin Story", was shown.

April 8: Cancelled scheduled meeting in Horry County due to internal problem with YWCA group.

April 9: Cancelled scheduled meeting with First Congressional District meeting in Allendale County.

Meeting with Ruth Hughes of the National Student YWCA and Kathy Wolf, Project Leader of the second YWCA project, and the Richland County Coordinating Committee.

An evaluation of the first YWCA project is attached and marked as Addendum B.

April 10: Reception following NAACP Honor Guard Dinner.

April 11: Orientation session for second YWCA group.

April 12: Meeting of Kershaw County Civic League in Camden. COPE film, "The Wisconsin Story", was shown. $153.00 was collected and turned in as part of Kershaw County's VEP assessment.

An evaluation of the second YWCA project is attached and marked as Addendum C.

April 17: NAACP Board of Directors meeting in Columbia.

April 18-22: Spring vacation.

April 23-25: Penn Center Conference on School Desegregation. An evaluation of the Conference is attached and marked as Addendum D.

April 25: Mass meeting in Columbia sponsored by the Congress on Racial Equality, Rev. William McKinley Bowman, representing the Columbia Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, and Mr. W.J. Hunter, President of the Palmetto State Voters' Association. I was not invited to attend this meeting nor was I introduced until the collection had been taken and three-fourths of the crowd had dispersed and all platform guests had gone. Prior to the meeting, a caustic exchange of opinions had taken place between Rev. I.D. Newman of the NAACP and Rev. Bowman. Due to my vacation, there had been no time for an exchange of views between myself and Mr. James T. McCain, the representative of CORE in South Carolina, concerning this matter. Given the feeling of CORE that VEP is dominated by the NAACP, it is probable that my exclusion from the program was deliberate. A file of pertinent material is attached and marked as Addendum E.

James Farmer spoke to an audience of about 450 people composed of approximately one-third children, one-third members of Rev. Bowman's church (where the meeting was held), and one-third interested citizens. Mr. Farmer spoke of the necessity for action to unseat Senator Thurmond in 1966. This statement caused the passage of a resolution by the Executive Committee of the VEP which is included in Addendum E.

April 26: Meeting of the South Carolina Coordinating Committee on School Desegregation in Columbia.

April 27: Meeting of the Executive Committee of the VEP in Columbia. Those members not present were: Dr. Beck, Mr. Haile, Mr. Brown, Rev. Nelson, Rev. Newman, and Mr. Rearden. In addition to the CORE resolution, a resolution to Congress favoring the passage of S1564, the Voting Rights Act, was adopted. An explanatory letter was attached to the resolution and copies were sent to all members of Congress and other appropriate individuals. Slight press coverage resulted, but the material was twice reprinted in the Congressional Record. Copies of appropriate material are attached and marked as Addendum F.

April 28: Conference with Richland County community leaders, Professor Norton Long of Brandeis University and Miss Adele Smith, student representative from Brandeis, pursuant to the establishment of an SCLC SCOPE project in Richland County. Professor Long, Miss Smith, and I also met with President Bacoats of Benedict College and President Wright of Allen University concerning the feasibility of establishing a continuing academic relationship between the three concerned colleges. Miss Smith and I then met with the inter-collegiate affiliate of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations in Columbia.

April 29: NAACP-sponsored march on the State Capitol to protest alleged discrimination and slow-down tactics used by the state and county governments to delay implementation of the integrated facilities and services required by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. I do not believe the march was successful for the following reasons:

1. The concept of the march was not adequately explained to community leaders in South Carolina prior to the public announcement of the march.

2. Little or no attempt was made to involve the masses in the planning of the march.

3. No specific individuals or ~~XXXX~~ counties were ever mentioned as targets of the march.

4. No specific list of complaints was ever prepared.

5. No attempt was made to determine the schedule of the State Legislature which had a scheduled meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on the day of the march.

6. Little effort was made to dramatize and exploit the publicity ~~XXXXXXX~~ inherent in the march.

7. Little or no serious attempt was made to provide a county-by-county follow-through of the march.

8. Little or no attempt was made to utilize the cooperation of the CORE and SCLC organizations in South Carolina in the planning of the March.

April 29: Meeting with SCLC citizenship school in Whitmire, Newberry County, with approximately 50 people attending.

Rec'd 7/2/65

MAY REPORT

From: South Carolina Voter Education Project state office

To: Headquarters Committee of S.C. VEP

Date: June 21, 1965

~~A financial report for the month of May should be attached and marked as Addendum A.~~

May 1: A letter over the signature of Mr. I.S. Leevy, Richland County VEP Chairman, was sent to every minister, teacher, barber, and beautician as well as to hundreds of community leaders in the Second Congressional District concerning the special congressional election. A copy of the letter is attached and marked as Addendum B.

May 2: Meeting in Lexington County. Since the registration books in Lexington County will be open May 3-7, a registration campaign for the Batesburg areas was planned. The campaign was not successful due to the lack of sufficient volunteer personnel.

May 4: Canvass with two volunteer workers from Richland County in the Batesburg area. There is a tremendous potential for voter registration activity in Lexington County which is not being exploited at the present time.

Meeting in Columbia with Matthew Perry and Rev. I.D. Newman relative to the technicalities of the proposed VEP Constitution.

Meeting in Columbia with representatives from the VEP Second Congressional District organization, Mr. Robert J. Wager of the Democratic National Committee, and Yancey McLeod, Chairman of the South Carolina Democratic Committee.

May 5: Scheduled meeting with Hosea Williams, Director of SCLC's SCOPE program, Ben Mack and Bernice Robinson, South Carolina field workers for SCLC, and myself did not take place since Mr. Williams had flown to California without notifying us of his change of plans.

May 6: Meeting in Clarks Hill, McCormick County, with SCLC citizenship education class. Film,"Vote and the Choice is Yours", was shown.

May 10: Discussion with Rudy Ward, newscaster with WIS-TV in Columbia concerning the significance of the S.C. VEP.

May 11: Meeting in Columbia with political leaders from Richland County Negro community concerning the possibility of obtaining SCOPE project in Richland County.

May 12: Meeting in Columbia with Richland County community leaders concerning the above-mentioned SCOPE project.

May 13: Discussion of Second District congressional election with R.J. Palmer and E.A. Finney in Sumter, and Charles Thomas and Earl Coblyn in Orangeburg.

May 14: NAACP Board of Directors meeting in Aiken.

May 15: Participated in panel at NAACP mid-year conference in Aiken. Topic: "Political Action and Community Development - The Role of the Political Action Committee".

May 17: Richland County area meeting on school desegregation.

May 18: Canvass in Orangeburg County on school desegregation.

Unsuccessfully attempted to locate Willie James, a precinct chairman in Orangeburg County who had scheduled a District-wide meeting without consultation with County or District Chairman.

May 19: Meeting with Richland County Steering Committee concerning the proposed SCOPE project.

May 20: Mass meeting in Hampton County with Mr. L.S. James of the National Sharecroppers Fund. Approximately 125 people attended.

Regular monthly meeting of the Beaufort County Voters' League in Beaufort concerning a proposed SCOPE project in that county.

May 21: Meeting of the Second Congressional District organization in Columbia. Rev. I.D. Newman's resignation as Chairman was accepted with regrets. Attorney E.A. Finney of Sumter, Rev. A.W. Holman of Aiken, and Mrs. Albert Williams of Batesburg, were elected Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively.

May 24: Joint meeting of the Jasper and Hampton County Voters' Leagues concerning the advisibility of requesting a SCOPE project for this area. A decision was made that no request would be extended to SCLC.

May 25: Regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the S.C. VEP at Atlantic Beach.

A luncheon meeting with Mr. Isadore Lourie, member of the South Carolina House of Representatives from Richland County, concerning the Second Congressional District and the special congressional election.

May 26: Regular meeting of the Sixth Congressional District VEP in Georgetown.

May 27: Discussion with Mr. George Holman of Berkeley County and Mr. Billie Fleming of Clarendon County concerning the proposed Constitutional Convention of the S.C. VEP.

May 28: Luncheon meeting with Professor Donald Folwer of the Department of Political Science at the University of South Carolina concerning the special election in the Second Congressional District.

May 30: Meeting of the NAACP Board of Directors in Orangeburg concerning the resignation of Mr. J. Arthur Brown, State President of the NAACP.

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July 20, 1965

Mr. Richard Miles
South Carolina Voter
Education Project
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Miles:

Your letter of July 14 has been received, and was read to Mr. Branton over the telephone today.

Mr. Branton has asked me to tell you that he had expected to hear from you prior to the time he was due to come to Atlanta, but your letter did not arrive until after he had returned to Washington. He sends his regrets that he will not be able to speak at your fund raising dinner.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Janet Shortt
Secretary

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1719 TAYLOR STREET
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA
TELEPHONE 254-5953

July 14, 1965

Read to Wats 7/20/65 over phone.

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta,
Georgia

Dear Wiley,

I am sending you a copy of a self-explanatory letter to Bob Stone.

If the United Presbyterian Church is able to come through, and if we are successful in getting our county chairmen to pay in their share, then that will settle the matter. If not, then I will contact you to see about some other emergency source of funds.

Billie Fleming of Manning, South Carolina, mentioned to me that he had talked to you about our recent mix-up with the national NAACP concerning our request for a $1315 grant to cover additional printing costs for the summer. I am still hopeful that this matter can be worked out between the S.C. VEP, the NAACP, and Wilbur Hobby of the regional COPE organization; and therefore I did not forward a request to you as Billie suggested I do. I am sorry that you have gotten involved in this little internecine struggle.

We seem to be weathering the SCOPE storm quite successfully. In fact the Orangeburg County SCOPE group (from Columbia University) is calling itself a VEP organization. The only county where we have not had a strong hand is Fairfield, and I have no

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regrets about that, because that group managed to get itself into quite a mess with the non-VEP organization there. They seem to be on top of the situation now, however, and their registration activities have been quite successful.

Regards,

Dick

Richard Miles

RM:sm

p.s. If we are able to go ahead with the fund-raising dinner which I mentioned in my letter to Bob Stone, I wonder if you could appear on the program as our guest speaker? This would probably be around the third week-end in August.

RICHARD MILES
FIELD DIRECTOR
SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

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July 14, 1965

Dr. Robert Stone
Commission on Religion and Race
United Presbyterian Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N.Y.

Dear Bob Stone:

I am writing you to request a supplementary grant from the Commission on Religion and Race of the United Presbyterian Church of $2,800.00

I had hoped that the VEP could sustain itself through our fiscal year ending in September of this year. I still think it would be possible for us to do this, but unfortunately we have not been successful in communicating the urgency of our need to the chairmen of the counties participating in our program.

We incurred a few expenses which we had not anticipated when we moved our office to its present location, and, in addition, we have spent over four times the amount we had budgeted for office supplies which includes printing expenses.

I am not going to dwell upon the success of the organization or upon the necessity for such an organization in South Carolina. You yourself have a fair idea of this, and you certainly know the appropriate individuals to check your opinions with. You might contact Mr. Jeffrey Miller who is with the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice. In the course of his investigations in South Carolina, Mr. Miller had occasion to visit a great many of the people who make up the organization, and I know that his comments on the VEP would be both frank and objective.

In the latter part of July, we are sponsoring a state-wide workshop on the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. All Negro political leaders in the state will be invited to attend this all-day session in Columbia, regardless of their affiliation with the VEP.

In August we tentatively plan a fund-raising dinner in honor of the civil rights volunteers working in the state this summer, representing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Congress of Racial Equality, and the American Friends Service Committee.

In September we plan to kick off our program for our second fiscal year with a state-wide political action conference for teachers and PTA officers.

The program for the second fiscal year will be of a three-fold nature:

1. The utilization of the Federal Voting Rights Act to increase Negro voter registration in South Carolina;

2. The civic education of newly registered (and perhaps illiterate) voters;

3. The political organization of liberal voting groups according to congressional district lines.

We intend to submit a greatly expanded budget for the next fiscal year to the Commission on Religion and Race as well as to other concerned organizations and foundations.

All this is to say that we believe we are a viable organization, but that we are going to run into financial difficulties by July 25, when our July bills fall due. At the present time we will be short $506.82 of meeting our July expenses, and we will need $2798.48 to operate through September.

I am sending you copies of recent letters to county chairmen pointing up our need for funds. I am also sending copies of our recently passed Constitution which includes provisions to encourage counties to support the state organization while depriving no county of the services of the state office.

Our need is really quite urgent, and I would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Richard Miles

RM:sm
enclosures

cc: Dr. C.H. Thomas
R.J. Palmer
Billie S. Fleming
Rev. J. Herbert Nelson
Wiley A. Branton, with enclosures

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Projected Office Expenses
July-September, 1965

Expenses	July	August	September
Rent	50.00	50.00	50.00
Salary-Director	433.33	433.33	433.33
Salary-Secretary	200.00	200.00	200.00
Salary-Typist	50.00	--	--
Telephone	144.19	80.00	80.00
Travel-Director	150.00	100.00	100.00
Postage	35.00	20.00	50.00
Petty Cash	14.30	5.00	5.00
Supplies	220.00	50.00	50.00
Printing	160.00*	385.00**	--
TOTAL	$1456.82	$1323.33	$968.33

*VEP stationery
5,500 3-up canvass cards

**35,000 3-up canvass cards

Balance on Hand as of July 1, 1965.....$ 950.00

July Expenses	$1456.82
August Expenses	$1323.33
September Expenses	$ 968.33

Deficit as of September 30, 1965.....-$2798.48

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

1719 Taylor Street
Room 206
Columbia, South Carolina

July 5, 1965

Dear County Chairman:

I am sorry that we have not been able to get the revised version of the VEP Constitution out to you, but we have moved our office and have hired a new secretary, so things are a little confusing at the moment.

Our new office, incidentally, is in the Palmetto Education Association Building, 1719 Taylor, Room 206, Columbia. The phone number is the same.

I now have a home phone which is 253-2369, and for those of you who do not yet know it, my address is 1208 Harden Street, Apt. 3. Do not send mail to the Harden Street address because I never pick up mail there.

I am forwarding monthly registration forms as well as a supply of complaint forms. It is of the utmost importance that we know exactly how many Negro citizens register in each county each month!! We have not been getting this information. Even if not a single person registers in your county, we need to know that. Please give these completed forms to your congressional district chairman. When he has them from all the counties in his district, he will forward them on to me.

We are working on a greatly increased budget for the next year beginning in September, and we hope to get assistance from some of the large foundations. I can assure you that these foundations are not interested in opinions and guesses. They want the facts, and we absolutely must be able to give them these facts. Please bring your monthly reports up to date starting last December.

There has been a lot of talk about the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. One bill has passed the Senate and a slightly different version is expected to pass the House of Representatives very soon. Then both versions of the bill will go before a Conference Committee and when this Committee agrees on a final version, it will be passed again by both houses of Congress, and when the President signs it, it will be law. This should be either around July 19th or, if opposition develops within the Conference Committee, around August 2nd.

Then, federal examiners (registrars) will be appointed from the local population by the Civil Service Commission when:

1. A federal court hearing an appropriate suit determines that examiners are needed in a county, OR

2. The Attorney General of the United States certifies to the Civil Service Commission that he has received 20 or more complaints in writing charging racial discrimination in the registration or voting process in a county, OR

3. The Attorney General determines that general discrimination exists in a county (based largely on the ratio of Negro to white registered voters, for example: Allendale County with 15.1% of the Negroes registered to 117.1% of the whites registered).

The literacy test would be automatically suspended in any county where federal examiners would be appointed, but the test would not be suspended if incidents of discrimination are limited in number and are corrected by local or state action.

Counties may appeal the decision of the Attorney General to a three-judge federal court in the District of Columbia.

Now there are several important things to take note of in all this:

The state VEP office desperately needs written complaints of any discrimination in the registration process. Allendale County just filed one with us and the U.S. District Attorney as well as the Department of Justice is looking into that now. If you want to back up your words, file these complaints with us. We will copy them and send them to the appropriate officials. We have got to get on the stick if we want to use this Voting Rights Act in South Carolina. The state has lawyers lined up ready to do battle against us, and we can only beat them with united action on a state-wide level. That is what the VEP is for. Please support your own organization.

I would like to say a word about money. We don't have any left. We have $1,009.08 in the bank. That will pay our July bills because we spend about $1,000.00 per month. If you are going to pay your share of this freedom struggle, please pay it now! If counties like McCormick can pay their assessment, I think it is shameful that far wealthier counties cannot pay theirs. I am forwarding a list of counties which shows who is paying their way and who is not. Together we are building a political organization based on congressional district lines that will shake South Carolina to its core. All of you will get whatever services and resources the state office has to offer whether you pay your assessment or not, but if we do not have money to pay rent and telephone bills and to buy films and file cards and mimeograph paper, then we simply cannot continue to function.

I am grateful for the salary I get, and I enjoy spending it, but I will work for nothing if I have to, to keep this organization alive; but we still have to pay the rent and the telephone and all the rest. You can make this organization the greatest political force the South has ever seen, or you can kill it. It's up to you.

Sincerely,

Richard Miles, Field Director
S.C. VEP

RM:sm

cc: S.C. VEP Executive Committee

VEP County Chairman Letter A:
Mr. George Holman, Berkeley County
Mr. B.E. Price, Colleton County
Rev. A.W. Holman, Aiken County
Mr. E.A. Finney, Sumter County
Rev. J.O. Rich, Anderson County
Rev. S.T. Spencer, Newberry County
Mr. J.T.W. Mims, Laurens County
Rev. J.A. Curry, Kershaw County
Rev. W.B. Knox, York County

Dear _____:

The Headquarters Committee of the South Carolina Voter Education Project met Saturday, July 10, and during the course of the meeting we discussed the financial situation in which we find ourselves. As the Field Director pointed out in his last letter to all county chairmen, the VEP has almost exhausted its financial resources.

Actually we have about $950 in the bank, and our expenses for July alone will amount to a little over $1300. These are the facts.

The members of the Headquarters Committee discussed the ability of each county to pay all or part of its assessment. We came up with a list of ten counties which we feel have the leadership to be able to pay the remainder of their VEP assessment so that we might be able to keep this great organization alive until September, at which time we are fairly confident of obtaining foundation support which will enable us to expand and improve our program.

Especially now, with the signing of the Federal Voting Rights Act imminent, we simply cannot allow the work of this organization to stop because of a lack of funds.

As Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the state organization and as a personal friend, I am asking you to do whatever you can toward the payment of your county's $_____ assessment.

The need is extremely urgent. If you can send in even a portion of your assessment, please do so now.

Very sincerely yours,

Billie S. Fleming, Chairman
Ways and Means Committee

BSF:sm
cc: Richard Miles

VEP County Chairman Letter B:
Mr. Harrison Rearden, Greenville County
Mr. I.S. Leevy, Richland County
Mrs. Hattie Barksdale, Spartanburg County
Mr. A.W. Stanley, Darlington County
Mr. James A. Hodge, Marion County
Mr. E.I. Lawrence, Williamsburg County

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Reasons for this seemed to vary from lack of understanding of the purpose and importance of the state-wide political organization which we are trying to build to differences between various personalities. In several instances, the feeling seemed to be that representatives of the counties simply did not understand that the VEP was running out of money.

The Field Director seems confident that we can obtain substantial financial support from interested foundations for our program of the next fiscal year beginning in September. It is important, however, that we prove our ability to support ourselves for the minimal budget that we have for this fiscal year.

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South Carolina Voter Education Project

COUNTY ASSESSMENTS 6/1/65

	First Congressional District	Assessment	Amount Paid
	Allendale	103.00	103.00
	Beaufort	248.00	248.00
*	Berkeley	275.00	.00
	Charleston	1,114.00	.00
	Clarendon	292.00	292.00
*	Colleton	206.00	.00
o	Dorchester	173.00	.00
	Hampton	136.00	136.00
	Jasper	110.00	110.00
	Second Congressional Distict		
*	Aiken	310.00	.00
*	Bamberg	131.00	.00
	Barnwell	110.00	110.00
o	Calhoun	119.00	25.00
o	Lexington	152.00	10.00
?	Orangeburg	597.00	17.17
?	Richland	945.00	.00
*	Sumter	509.00	250.00
	Third Congressional District		
	Abbeville	148.00	.00
*	Anderson	279.00	50.00
	Edgefield	132.00	132.00
	Greenwood	190.00	190.00
	McCormick	77.00	77.00
*	Newberry	151.00	.00
	Oconee	62.00	.00
	Pickens	67.00	.00
	Saluda	77.00	77.00
	Fourth Congressional District		
?	Greenville	536.00	25.00
*	Laurens	203.00	103.00
?	Spartanburg	503.00	.00
	Fifth Congressional District		
	Cherokee	107.00	.00
o	Chester	179.00	.00
o	Chesterfield	181.00	.00
?	Fairfield	178.00	35.00
*	Kershaw	193.00	93.00
	Lancaster	153.00	.00
	Union	128.00	.00
*	York	327.00	.00
	Sixth Congressional District		
?	Darlington	340.00	.00
	Dillon	206.00	206.00
	Florence	528.00	528.00
	Georgetown	263.00	263.00
	Horry	264.00	264.00
	Lee	208.00	208.00
?	Marion	255.00	100.00
	Marlboro	202.00	202.00
?	Williamsburg	394.00	.00

* indicates counties which will probably pay all or part of their assessment

? indicates counties which for a variety of reasons are less likely to pay their assessment

o indicates counties which are not likely to pay their assessment by September

The following counties do not at present participate in the VEP program:

Charleston
Abbeville
Oconee
Pickens
Cherokee
Lancaster
Union

Charleston is in the process of forming a county-wide organization which will probably affiliate with the VEP, and we are hopeful of bringing all of the other counties into our organizational structure next year. The big stumbling blocks at the moment are the present congressional district chairmen of the Third and Fifth Districts.

Total Amount Raised from County Assessments to Date:	$3854.17
Total Amount Raised from Public Meetings:	$ 630.92
TOTAL	$4485.09

Please note that if we had not incurred heavier operating expenses than anticipated, the original grants from the Commission on Religion and Race and the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council, together with the amount of funds raised within South Carolina, would have been sufficient to see us through the first fiscal year.

CONSTITUTION
of the
SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Preamble

We, the citizens of South Carolina, in order to increase the number of registered voters, to insure the participation of all citizens in the election process, and to provide the necessary education to instruct an informed electorate of its civic responsibilities and duties, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

I
Name

This organization shall be named the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

II
Purpose, Power, and Scope

Section I. The purpose of this organization shall be to provide a continuing means of fulfilling the following objectives:

Article 1. The registration of all qualified Negro citizens;

Article 2. The turn-out of all registered Negro voters during elections;

Article 3. The civic education of all Negro citizens.

Section II. The organization shall have such powers as vested in it by the Constitution;

Section III. The organization shall be of state-wide scope. It shall not become subordinate to any national organization.

III
Membership

Section I. Voting membership in the state organization shall be limited to the following categories:

Article 1. Duly recognized chairmen of county civic organizations;

Article 2. Duly elected chairmen of congressional district organizations;

Article 3. Duly elected state officers.

Section II. Non-voting membership in the state organization shall be limited to the following categories:

Article 1. Paid staff of the organization;

Article 2. Duly recognized representatives of concerned organizations.

Section III. No person shall hold office or membership in the state organization unless he holds a valid registration certificate.

IV
Officers

Officers in the organization shall be:

Section I. All duly recognized chairmen of congressional district organizations;

Section II. All duly recognized chairmen of congressional district organizations;

Section III. A President;

Section IV. A Vice President;

Section V. A Secretary;

Section VI. A Treasurer;

Section VII. A Chaplain;

Section VIII. A Legal Adviser;

Section IX. A Field Director.

V
Duties of Officers

Section I. The duties of the chairmen of counties shall be:

Article 1. To promote by all means at his disposal the registration, voting, and civic education of the citizens of his county;

Article 2. To gather assessments duly levied against his county by members of the state organization;

Article 3. To collect monthly voter registration statistics, election statistics whenever appropriate, and all other reasonable data requested by the Field Director;

Article 4. To represent either in person or by proxy his county at all regular and special meetings of his congressional district and of the state organization.

Section II. The duties of the chairmen of congressional districts shall be:

Article 1. To promote by all means at his disposal the registration, voting, and civic education of the citizens of his congressional district;

Article 2. To gather assessments duly levied against the counties of his congressional district from the respective chairmen of counties within his congressional district;

Article 3. To collect monthly voter registration statistics, election statistics whenever appropriate, and all other reasonable data requested by the Field Director from the chairmen of counties within his congressional district;

Article 4. To represent either in person or by proxy his congressional district at all regular and special meetings of his congressional district, of the Executive Committee, and of the state organization;

Article 5. To convene a regular monthly meeting and any special meeting as he or his organization may decide to call of chairmen of counties within his congressional district, and to give advance notice to the chairmen of the counties within his congressional district of such meetings;

Article 6. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution.

Section III. The duties of the President shall be:

Article 1. To preside at all regular and special meetings of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 2. To convene all regular monthly meetings and special meetings of the Executive Committee;

Article 3. To convene all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 4. To provide supervision and guidance to the Field Director as the Executive Committee may direct;

Article 5. To act as official spokesman of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 6. To sit on all regular and special committees of the state organization and of the Executive Committee as an ex-officio member;

Article 7. To appoint appropriate members of the Standing Committees as provided in the Bylaws;

Article 8. To enforce the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws;

Article 9. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section IV. The duties of the Vice President shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To assume temporarily the office and duties of the President in case of the absence or incapacity of the President;

Article 3. To assume the office and duties of the President in the event of the resignation or permanent incapacity of the President until which time a regular or special election shall be called to fill the office of the President;

Article 4. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 5. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, by the Executive Committee, and by the President.

Section V. The duties of the Secretary shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To keep careful and authentic records of the regular and special proceedings of the Executive Committee and the state organization;

Article 3. To prepare a roll of members of the state organization and of the members of all committees of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 4. To preserve all records, reports, and documents of the state organization and of the Executive Committee which are not assigned to others;

Section 5. To preside at all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of the state organization in the absence of the President and of the Vice President;

Article 6. To have available at all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the state organization a copy of the Constitution, of the Bylaws, of the standing rules, and of the parliamentary authority of the organization;

Article 7. To preside as chairman of the Credentials Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 8. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section VI. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To act as official custodian and disbursing officer for all funds of the Executive Committee and the state organization;

Article 3. To collect all money due the state organization and to safeguard it;

Article 4. To certify to the Credentials Committee those counties paying their duly levied assessment at least five (5) days prior to the annual September meeting;

Article 5. To keep an accurate record of all funds collected and disbursed and to be able to furnish a statement at any time showing the financial condition of the state organization;

Article 6. To act as chairman of the Headquarters Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 7. To sit as a member of the Ways and Means Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 8. To allow the annual auditing of his books by an independent auditor;

Article 9. To be bonded by a reputable bonding agent;

Article 10. To make monthly financial reports to the Ways and Means Committee of the financial condition of the state organization;

Article 11. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section VII. The duties of the Chaplain shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To open and close all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee with prayer;

Article 3. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 4. To perform all other spiritual duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section VIII. The duties of the Legal Adviser shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person or by proxy all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To act as Parliamentarian at all regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee and of the state organization;

Article 3. To act as a consultant in all legal questions confronting the organization or any component part of the organization;

Article 4. To sit as a member of the Credentials Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 5. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 6. To sit as a member of the Headquarters Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 7. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

Section IX. The duties of the Field Director shall be:

Article 1. To attend in person all regular monthly and special meetings of the Executive Committee and all regular and special meetings of the state organization;

Article 2. To sit on all regular and special committees of the state organization and of the Executive Committee as an ex-officio member;

Article 3. To sit as a member of the Elections Committee as established in the Constitution;

Article 4. To act as chief administrator of the state office;

Article 5. To carry out the policies of the state organization and of the Executive Committee as expressed in the Constitution, and to expedite the program of the state organization and of the Executive Committee;

Article 6. To provide a monthly narrative and financial report of the activities of the state office to the Treasurer and to the President;

Article 7. To coordinate the work of the Executive Committee and of the several Standing Committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee;

Article 8. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Bylaws, by the state organization, and by the Executive Committee.

VI
Standing Committees

Section I. The following Standing Committees shall be established:

Article 1. The Executive Committee;

Article 2. The Ways and Means Committee;

Article 3. The Credentials Committee;

Article 4. The Elections Committee;

Article 5. The Headquarters Committee;

Article 6. The Nominating Committee.

Section II. The Standing Committees shall be made up of the following members:

Article 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:

Sub-Section 1. Voting members of the Executive Committee shall be: The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, the chairmen of congressional districts. No one (1) person shall hold two (2) positions on the Executive Committee simultaneously;

Sub-Section 2. Non-voting members of the Executive Committee shall be: The Chaplain, the Field Director, one (1) designated representative from each of the duly recognized concerned organizations, and the chairmen of all standing committees.

Article 2. The Ways and Means Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and of all other members as designated in the Bylaws;

Article 3. The Credentials Committee shall consist of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, and all chairmen of the congressional districts;

Article 4. The Elections Committee shall consist of the Vice President, the Legal Adviser, the Chaplain, and the Field Director;

Article 5. The Headquarters Committee shall consist of the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, and of all other members as designated in the Bylaws;

Article 6. The Nominating Committee shall consist of all members as designated in the Bylaws.

VII
Duties of Standing Committees

Section I. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be:

Article 1. To carry out the policies of the state organization as set forth in the Constitution;

Article 2. To set policy for the state organization when the state organization is not in session, subject to the subsequent approval of the members of the state organization;

Article 3. To establish a state office and to hire a Field Director to administer this office;

Article 4. To provide supervision and guidance to the Field Director;

Article 5. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to it by the Bylaws and by the state organization.

Section II. The duties of the Ways and Means Committee shall be:

Article 1. To give financial approval to projects suggested by the Executive Committee;

Article 2. To raise funds for the support of the state office and for any other activities of the state organization;

Article 3. To propose an annual budget for the state office;

Article 4. To meet quarterly or at any other times as the Chairman of the Committee or the Executive Committee may see fit, and to make reports of the business of these meetings to the Executive Committee;

Article 5. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to it by the Bylaws and by the state organization.

Section III. The duties of the Credentials Committee shall be:

Article 1. To certify to the Executive Committee one (1) designated representative from each county who shall be considered the chairman of that county;

Article 2. To certify to the Executive Committee the results of the Elections Committee's findings concerning the regular and special election of chairmen of congressional districts;

Article 3. To certify to the Executive Committee those organizations which shall be entitled to non-voting representation on the Executive Committee;

Article 4. To certify to the Executive Committee the official representative of each duly recognized concerned organization;

Article 5. To certify to the Executive Committee to the best of their ability the number of registered Negro voters in each of the counties of the state;

Article 6. To certify to the Executive Committee those counties paying their duly levied assessments at least five (5) days prior to the annual September meeting.

Section IV. The duties of the Election Committee shall be:

Article 1. To certify to the Credentials Committee the regular and special election of chairmen of congressional districts;

Article 2. To certify to the state organization the regular and special election of state officers.

Section V. The duties of the Headquarters Committee shall be:

Article 1. To supervise the Field Director and his administration of the state office;

Article 2. To meet quarterly or at any other time as the chairman of the Committee or the Executive Committee may see fit, and to make reports of the business of these meetings to the Executive Committee.

Section VI. The duties of the Nominating Committee shall be:

Article 1. To nominate at least two (2) candidates for each of the following positions to be filled by election by the state organization: The President, the Vice President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Legal Adviser, and the Chaplain;

Article 2. To circulate the report of the Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the election to all members and officers of the state organization.

VIII
Time, Place, and Nature of State Meetings

Section I. The state meeting of the organization shall set policy for the organization and shall examine the action taken by the Executive Committee in its behalf. State officers shall be elected at the appropriate state meeting as shall all members of Standing Committees as established in the Constitution and Bylaws;

Section II. The regular meeting of the state organization shall be at least twice yearly, on the date of the third Saturday in February and on the third Saturday in September;

Section III. The place of the next regular meeting shall be set at the preceding regular meeting;

Section IV. The Secretary shall notify by mail all members of the organization thirty (30) days in advance of each regular and special state meeting, and shall inform each chairman of each county of the total number of registered Negro voters in each county as certified by the Credentials Committee;

Section V. Special meetings of the state organization shall be called as follows:

Article 1. By the Executive Committee;

Article 2. By a written petition signed by a least two-thirds (2/3) of the duly recognized chairmen of county organizations and submitted to the Executive Committee.

Section VI. A county shall be entitled to one (1) vote at the state meeting for every two thousand (2,000) registered Negro voters or fraction thereof in that county as certified by the Credentials Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to each state meeting, except that every county shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote. The chairman of each county shall cast all of the votes entitled to his county by virtue of the number of certified Negro registrants in that county. No county shall be entitled to vote unless that county shall have paid its duly levied assessments as certified by the Treasurer to the Credentials Committee at least five (5) days prior to the annual September meeting;

Section VII. Disputes concerning the number of registered Negro voters in a given county shall be settled by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the state meeting.

IX
Election Procedure

Section I. Chairmen of congressional district organizations shall be elected by at least a majority vote of all chairmen of counties present at the election meeting of that congressional district organization. Chairmen of counties making up a congressional district organization shall themselves set the date of their election meeting and shall establish their own rules and regulations to govern the meeting of their congressional district organization;

Section II. A county shall be entitled during the election of state officers to cast one (1) vote for a given candidate for every two thousand (2,000) registered Negro voters or fraction thereof in that county as certified by the Credentials Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the election meeting, except that every county shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote. The chairman of each county shall cast all of the votes entitled to his county by virtue of the number of certified Negro registrants in that county;

Section III. State officers shall be elected at the regular meeting of the state organization which falls in February of an even numbered year;

Section IV. The term of office for all elected state officers shall be two (2) years.

X
Quorum

Section I. A quorum of the meeting of the state organization shall consist of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the total members of the organization;

Section II. A quorum of each Standing Committee shall consist of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the voting members of the respective Standing Committee.

XI
Amendments and Bylaws

Section I. Amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members at any regular or special meeting of the state organization, provided that all amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, and that he shall send each member a copy of the proposed amendment by mail at least thirty (30) days in advance of the next state meeting;

Section II. Bylaws of this Constitution shall be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at any regular or special meeting of the Executive Committee or by a majority vote of the voting members at any regular or special meeting of the state organization.

BYLAWS

I

Parliamentary Procedure

In all matters not covered by its Constitution or Bylaws, this organization shall be governed by Roberts' Rules of Order, revised.

II

Debate

Debate in the meetings of the state organization and in the meetings of the Standing Committees shall be curtailed only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all voting members present.

III

Membership in Standing Committees

Section I. The Ways and Means Committee shall consist of the Treasurer as set forth in the Constitution and one (1) representative from each of the congressional districts appointed by the President;

Section II. The Headquarters Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and the Legal Adviser as set forth in the Constitution and three (3) other members appointed by the President;

Section III. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected by the state organization at a regular meeting of the state organization.

IV

Functions of the State Office

The functions of the state office shall be as follows:

Section I. To collect, publish, and distribute South Carolina registration and voting statistics;

Section II. To act as a central representative to political parties on behalf of county organizations;

Section III. To approach members of state and federal government for liberalization of electoral laws;

Section IV. To approach foundations and philanthropic organizations for funds to further the work of voter registration and education;

Section V. To contact national organizations for volunteers for summer projects;

Section VI. To coordinate voter registration activities in the whole state to gain maximum psychological and political effect from county efforts;

Section VII. To provide a means enabling strong counties in the state to help weak counties in the state fulfill their goals as set forth in this Constitution;

Section VIII. To assist the work of political organization and voter education by providing uniform organizational and educational materials;

Section IX. To conduct research on political candidates and political issues.

V

Enabling Clause

This Constitution shall go into effect upon ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the county chairmen present and voting at a Constitutional Convention of the organization. For the purposes of reatification, each county shall have one (1) vote.

This Constitution was ratified at a Constitutional Convention of the South Carolina Voter Education Project held in Columbia, South Carolina, June 5, 1965.

News Release

South Carolina Voter Education Project
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Phone: 254-5953
253-2369

For Release:
Sunday, August 29, 1965
All Papers

The South Carolina Voter Education Project today released its estimate of the number of Negro voters added to the rolls by the summer voter registration effort in South Carolina.

Substantial increases were made in all project counties with particular emphasis being given to the Second Congressional District.

A total of 8,732 new Negro voters were enrolled during the months of July and August, including many who were added under the provisions of the recently passed federal Voting Rights Act.

Summer volunteers working with the American Friends Service Committee, the Congress of Racial Equality, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Summer Community Organization and Political Education project of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference were largely responsible for this increase in Negro registration.

The South Carolina Voter Education Project also released a statistical survey of voter registration in the whole state. Using official figures compiled by the Secretary of State for South Carolina, the Voter Education Project showed that sixteen (16) counties in the state had less than thirty percent (30%) of the eligible Negro population registered. No county, however, had less than forty-eight percent (48%) of its eligible white population registered, while seven (7) counties had over one hundred percent (100%) of their 1960 adult white population registered.

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Dr. C.H. Thomas, Jr., President
Richard Miles, Field Director

BM — make correction noted

NOTICE

Errata to Release of August 29, 1965

Re: South Carolina Voter Education Project registration and voting statistics for South Carolina

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On the first page of the booklet of South Carolina Registration and Voting Statistics released by the South Carolina Voter Education Project on Sunday, August 29, 1965, substitute the words "Chesterfield County" for "Cherokee County" where appropriate.

South Carolina Voter Education Project
1719 Taylor Street
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Dr. C.H. Thomas, Jr., President
Richard Miles, Field Director

South Carolina Voter Education Project

Estimate of Negro Voter Registration
in
Project Counties
July-August 1965

County	Participating Organization	Number Registered
First Congressional District		
Allendale	SCOPE	92
Berkeley	SCOPE	389
Charleston	SCOPE/NAACP	562
Clarendon	CORE/NAACP	139
Dorchester	CORE	111
Jasper	CORE	55
Second Congressional District		
Aiken	NAACP	51
Bamberg	NAACP	137
Barnwell	NAACP	108
Calhoun	SCOPE/NAACP	259
Orangeburg	SCOPE	1,105
Richland	SCOPE/CORE/NAACP	1,743
Sumter	CORE/NAACP	61
Third Congressional District		
Anderson	NAACP	42
Newberry	SCOPE	922
Fourth Congressional District		
Greenville	SCOPE/NAACP	398
Spartanburg	NAACP	68
Fifth Congressional District		
Chester	NAACP	177
Fairfield	SCOPE/CORE	234
Kershaw	SCOPE	596
Lancaster	NAACP	52
York	AFSC/CORE	1,006
Sixth Congressional District		
Florence	NAACP	89
Horry	NAACP	34
Williamsburg	CORE	302
	TOTAL.....	8,732

These estimates were received from civil rights workers in the field and may vary slightly from official figures maintained by county boards of registration.

South Carolina Voter Education Project

OFFICE EXPENSES

First Fiscal Year
September 1964-September 1965

Month	Expenses	Disbursements	Balance
September	$ 1,757.58	$ 1,757.58	
October	$ 1,492.59	$ 1,492.59	
November	$ 987.35	$ 987.35	
December	$ 881.19	$ 881.19	
January	$ 1,307.60	$ 1,307.60	
February	$ 889.25	$ 889.25	
March	$ 927.39	$ 927.39	
April	$ 872.09	$ 872.09	
May	$ 1,277.68	$ 1,277.68	
June	$ 1,369.17	$ 1,369.17	
July	$ 1,271.55	$ 609.03	-$ 662.52
August	$ 980.49	$ 00	-$ 980.49
TOTAL	$14,013.93	$12,370.92	-$1,643.01

About 16 attended meeting in Orangeburg —
money needed —
Field secretary has not been paid since from 25.
Have let secretary go and ended telephone service...
State Convention Sept 17 and 18

Moved a action be taken to borrow enough to pay field Secretary's Salary plus past indebtedness plus couple of months in advance — Maybe loan from Victory Savings Bank. Officers would endorse. If funds come in I would come off the top.

Ask if tax exempt money may be given through SRC

Addendum B

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

1965 Program

Richard Miles, Field Director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, announced the VEP program for 1965 to a state-wide meeting of the organization at Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina, January 10th.

In the area of voter registration, the VEP will shift its concentration from the already-established county organizations to the area of precinct organization. A survey already well under way will be completed showing the percentage of eligible Negroes registered in every precinct of the state. Although the primary function of the VEP is to coordinate a county-by-county campaign of voter registration, special emphasis will be given those counties and precincts which have particularly low ratios of registered voters to adult population.

In calling for the removal of certain restrictions from the electoral code, Miles stated that it is physically impossible to register all of the qualified Negroes in some counties due to the method of registration called for by present law. In most counties, registration is limited to one eight-hour period on the first Monday of each month. The VEP called for the extension of this minimum to three days which the law now requires only for election years. The VEP called for an extension of the minimum period of registration to 5½ days in election years.

Miles also stated the need for a regulation allowing for the last person in the registration line at closing time to register. This would be similar to the practice presently followed in voting.

The VEP also proposed the elimination of the state literacy requirement. Miles cited the primacy of radio and television as a means of communication in South Carolina. Claiming that this requirement was a penalty for segregation levied on the victims of segregation, Miles said that this requirement discriminated against Negroes due to the inferior education they have received in the past in South Carolina. In 1955, in a attempt to forestall school integration, the state legislature abolished the compulsory school attendance law. The economic facts of life in South Carolina force many Negro families to keep their children out of school or to send them intermittently, thereby perpetuating a high rate of illiteracy among Negroes in the state.

To handle the large increase in registered voters in the last few years, Miles called for the creation of additional voting precincts and the equalization in size of existing ones.

Miles reported that the VEP is vitally concerned with the civic education of the people registered under its auspices. The VEP will publish and distribute a non-partisan handbook for voters which will contain basic information about national, state, special district, and local government; government programs of special interest; and pro and con discussion of South Carolina political issues.

S.C. VEP
re: 1965 program

The VEP will continue its cooperation with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference citizenship education program. Ministers and community leaders will be encouraged to institute evening classes to teach basic civics to newly registered voters and those aspiring to register. Fifty thousand sample registration blanks have been printed and will be distributed this month.

Two different types of summer projects for volunteers are planned for 1965. One will involve the placement of one or two full-time workers in most of the counties in the state. The other will consist of several groups of 15-20 mature students who will work in key areas of the state. The emphasis will be on volunteers from South Carolina, but applications are being accepted from any concerned person over 18.

Summary: The 1965 VEP program is as follows:

1. Collection of precinct-by-precinct registration statistics
2. Continuation of present county-by-county registration program with emphasis on those counties and precincts in which relatively few Negroes are registered to vote
3. Work toward extension of present one-day minimum monthly registration period to three days and extension of election year minimum to 5½ days
4. Work toward regulation allowing last person in registration line at closing time to register
5. Work toward elimination of state literacy requirement
6. Work toward creation of additional precincts and equalization of existing ones
7. Preparation of voters' handbook
8. Continuation of citizenship education program
9. Preparation for summer projects for volunteers
   a. one or two in most counties of state
   b. several group projects in key counties of state

Released by the state office of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, Richard Miles, Field Director

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Addendum C

SOUTH CAROLINA

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

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January 8, 1965

Dear Minister:

I would like to personally thank you for your cooperation in getting all concerned citizens down to the polls last election day. I know as well as you that without the committment of the vast majority of the clergy to our efforts, we could not have put forth the state-wide effort that we did.

The South Carolina VEP has scheduled a state-wide victory rally for Sunday, January 10, 3:00 p.m. at the Allen University Auditorium. Dr. Aaron Henry of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party will speak, and officers of the VEP will present the 1965 program of our organization.

I would like to ask you and your congregation to attend, and I would appreciate your bringing this meeting to the attention of your congregation. I am enclosing two announcements of this meeting for your use.

The following material has been prepared, and you may have any of it you like simply for the asking: 1) list of names and addresses of state and county VEP officers; 2) annual budget of state VEP office; 3) sample registration blanks.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles

Richard Miles

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Aaron Henry flier

Addendum D

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

presents

Dr.

AARON HENRY

Chairman of the

FREEDOM DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF MISSISSIPPI

The Public Is Invited To Attend This

State-Wide

V I C T O R Y R A L L Y

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1965

3:00 P.M.

Allen University Auditorium

Columbia, South Carolina

Addendum E

In honor of Dr. Aaron Henry
of Clarksdale, Mississippi
and Attorney Wiley Branton
of Atlanta, Georgia
the Executive Committee of the
South Carolina Voter Education Project
requests the pleasure of your company
at a reception to be held at the
Prince Hall Grand Lodge
(F. and A.M. of S. C.)
2322 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina
on Sunday, January tenth
Nineteen hundred and sixty-five
at 6:00 p.m.

Addendum F

VEP Regional Workshop
for
First and Second Congressional Districts

Penn Center, Frogmore, South Carolina
Friday, January 15, 1965

Dinner (Courtesy Beaufort County Voters League)	6:00-7:20
First Session - Wilbur Hobby "Precinct Organization and Grass Roots Politics"	7:30-8:30
Second Session - Matthew J. Perry "Legal Aspects of Voter Registration and Political Action"	8:35-9:20
Third Session - VEP Executive Committee "Questions and Answers"	9:30-10:20

Addendum G

Address _____ Precinct _____

_____ Phone _____

Name	Reg. No.	Not Reg.

Remarks:

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Addendum H

Summary of Proposal Offered by
Richland County Steering Committee

1) Selection of precinct chairmen who will organize their own precinct committee which should meet monthly.

2) Selection of school district chairmen who will call all precinct chairmen in his school district for a monthly meeting.

3) County-wide meeting of all school district chairmen monthly.

4) County-wide mass meeting on special call.

Program for Voter Registration and Education

1) School district chairmen should hold a workshop session for precinct chairmen in their school district. At these meetings Mr. Richard Miles of the VEP or Mr. Ben Mack of SCLC will outline the job to be done and show how to do it. School district chairmen can report their results at the monthly county meeting.

2) Precinct chairmen should call some of their neighbors and friends to a precinct meeting. With the knowledge and written material the precinct chairmen will have from the school district meeting, they can show workers in their precinct how to begin. They can report their results to school district chairmen at the monthly school district meeting.

3) Voter registration.
Precinct chairmen should select one or two streets per month to cover in their precinct. Workers should go door to door for at least two nights before registration day. They should fill out file cards for each family and invite people to a voter workshop. These file cards should be turned over to the school district chairmen who will collect them and turn them over to the county chairman. Precinct and school district chairmen can make duplicate copies of these file cards for their own records if they wish.

4) Voter education.
Precinct chairmen should arrange a voter education workshop in a church or large room before registration day. Sample registration blanks should be used to teach people how to register. All questions should be answered at this meeting to help people overcome their fear of registering.

R E M E M B E R

I. Mr. Mack (AL 4-0600) and Mr. Miles (254-5953) are available to help you at any time.

II. File cards and registration blanks are available from Mr. Miles. He will be glad to mimeograph notices of your meetings or anything else you need.

III. We registered 19 Negroes in December and 9 in January. We are not doing the job that must be done. We can probably get a three day registration period, but first we need people to register.

Addendum I

Functions of the State Office

of

The South Carolina Voter Education Project

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2. Act as a central representative to political parties in behalf of county organizations.

3. Approach members of state and federal government for changes in electoral laws.

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5. Contact national organizations for volunteers for summer projects.

6. Coordinate voter registration activities in the whole state to gain maximum psychological and political effect from county efforts.

7. Provide a means for strong counties to help weak counties.

8. Assist with work of political organization and voter education by providing uniform organizational and educational material.

9. Provide legal assistance when needed.

10. Conduct research on political candidates and political issues.

SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Proposed Budget
October 1965 - October 1966

South Carolina Voter Education Project
1719 Taylor Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dr. C.H. Thomas, Jr., President
Richard Miles, Field Director

Background Information

The South Carolina Voter Education Project is a federation of independent, county Negro political and civic organizations. This federation is further divided into congressional district organizations. The South Carolina Voter Education Project has a multifold purpose. It is designed to assist county organizations with their task of completing the registration of all Negro voters in their county, to provide basic political education for new registrants, and to further the development of Negro political power in the state. The latter concern is accomplished by providing uniform educational and organizational material throughout the state for all levels of political activity ranging from the precinct to the state. According to the Constitution of the organization, all officers above the county level are elected directly by the chairmen of county organizations, who cast votes based upon the number of Negro registrants in their respective counties.

Provision is also made for representatives of "concerned organizations" to sit in a non-voting capacity on the Executive Committee of the state organization. At the present time, the "concerned organizations" and their representatives are as follows:

Congress of Racial Equality - Mr. James T. McCain
Sumter, South Carolina

South Carolina Conference of Branches,
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People - Dr. Noble P. Cooper
Columbia, South Carolina

South Carolina Council
on Human Relations - Mrs. Alice Spearman
Columbia, South Carolina

Southern Christian Leadership
Conference - Mr. Benjamin J. Mack
Columbia, South Carolina

United Presbyterian Church,
Atlantic Synod - Rev. J. Herbert Nelson
Orangeburg, South Carolina

There have been several attempts in the past to create a state-wide Negro political organization. The Progressive Democrats movement which started around 1944 was of considerable importance in the state following the Smith v. Allwright decision which outlawed the white primary. The Palmetto State Voters' Association was a strong successor to the Progressive Democrats organization. Both of these organizations still exist in South Carolina, but they do not really function on a state-wide level.

The Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council was instrumental in the creation of the present South Carolina Voter Education Project. Large grants of money were made by the Southern Regional Council's Voter Education Project to civil rights organizations in the state and to county and congressional district political components of the state program. Mr. Randolph Blackwell, currently with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference,was perhaps more involved in the development of the South Carolina organization than any one individual outside the state.

The Southern Regional Council's Voter Education Project was scheduled to end in October 1964. Leaders of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, in an attempt to continue their state-wide political effort, were successful in obtaining grants from the Commission on Religion and Race of the United Presbyterian Church and the Southern Regional Council's Voter Education Project, and, in addition, assessments were levied on all counties in South Carolina based on the total Negro population of each county. A budget of $12,440.00 was drawn up for the operation of the organization for a one-year period, and a state office was opened on September 1, 1964, as scheduled. Richard Miles, a Caucasian who holds degrees in political science from the University of California at Berkeley and Indiana University, was hired as Field Director and has remained in this position to the present. He plans to continue in this capacity until December 1966.

Evaluation of First Year Operation

The first year of activity of the South Carolina Voter Education Project must be considered a success, although many problems still confront the organization. It is widely recognized as a source of information and contact for Negro political activity in the state. It is not looked upon by the civil rights organizations in South Carolina as a competitor but rather as an agency of mutual benefit to all concerned organizations. It has extended its scope in the state to 39 out of a total of 46 counties. All of these counties are, of course, important in a certain sense, but Charleston is the only county presently outside the organizational structure which is of crucial political importance. Organizational meetings have been held in Charleston and relations have been established between the Voter Education Project and the political leaders of Charleston County. Affiliation is expected in the near future.

The following is a list of some of the activities of the Voter Education Project for the past year:

- State-wide get-out-the-vote meeting on October 25, 1964, scheduled speaker - Andrew Hatcher
- State-wide victory rally on January 10, 1965, speaker - Aaron Henry
- State-wide Constitutional Convention on June 5, 1965
- Get-out-the-vote activities in November 1964
  - mass mailings to Ministers
  - mass meetings throughout the state
  - distribution of large quantities of information and literature on political organization
- Sponsored two YWCA voter registrations projects in April in Richland County - 785 Negroes registered
- Aided summer voter registration drives of AFSC, NAACP, CORE, SCOPE
- Sponsored state-wide meeting on the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965
- Conducted various leadership meetings on South Carolina political campaigns and issues
- Established new and enlarged state office
- Assisted in conducting South Carolina Conference on School Desegregation
- Collected and distributed South Carolina registration and voting statistics

The following list represents the primary complaints levied against the Voter Education Project by its critics, together with an explanation of how the Voter Education Project has attempted to solve the problems which caused the criticism:

1. State and congressional district chairmen were not elected democratically and no method exists for their replacement.

   (Answer) The new Constitution provides for direct election every two years of all officers above the county level. County chairmen cast votes in these elections based upon the size of their registered Negro population.

2. County assessments were not levied with the consent of representatives of the counties concerned. No method exists for making a delinquent county pay its share of the state budget.

   (Answer) It is true that some district chairmen did not adequately explain the assessment plan to the chairmen of counties within their congressional district, and, in addition, pro-rata assessments were computed for all counties, including those not affiliated with the Voter Education Project at the time of computation. Both of these mistakes will be corrected in the forthcoming fiscal year. The new Constitution provides that those counties not paying their assessment by a certain date will lose their vote in all district and state meetings, although they will still be considered an integral part of the state and district organizations, and the relationship of mutual benefit between them and the district and state organizations will continue as usual.

3. Some district chairmen do not have functioning organizations. All county chairmen should constitute the Executive Committee.

   (Answer) The most important single feature of the Voter Education Project is its system of congressional district organizations. Almost all South Carolina congressional districts contain counties with Negro registration percentages of great variation. As long as this condition exists, Negroes will have little influence on the election of South Carolina congressmen. If some district chairmen do not have functioning programs, then the responsibility for their replacement lies directly with the chairmen of the county organizations constituting that district. All county chairmen have a standing invitation to attend the monthly Executive Committee meeting, although to expedite the business of the Committee, all county chairmen are not expected to attend every Executive Committee meeting.

4. The Voter Education Project is dominated by the South Carolina Conference of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to the exclusion of other civil rights organizations in the state.

(Answer) The South Carolina Conference of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is the strongest single civil rights organization in South Carolina. It has branches in virtually every county in the state, and its state officers possess considerable political influence. When the South Carolina Voter Education Project was initiated, great use was made of this already existing structure. Nonetheless, many counties represented in the organizational makeup of the Voter Education Project cooperate more closely with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference or the Congress of Racial Equality than they do with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The Constitution provides for a position on the Executive Committee for representatives from the civil rights organizations active in South Carolina. In addition, a functioning relationship has been established between the state office of the Voter Education Project and the three major civil rights organizations active in the state. A similar relationship has also been established with the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education and the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

Program for 1966 Proposed Budget

The proposed budget for the South Carolina Voter Education Project is intended to indicate a partial solution to the two primary obstacles to full Negro political participation in the state at the present time.

These two obstacles are: 1) a lack of formal methods of political communication among all levels of the Negro community, and 2) a lack of formal political organization on both the congressional district and the precinct level.

Item 1 is accentuated by the lack of a state-wide Negro newspaper and by the poor quality of existing South Carolina newspapers, and Item 2 emphasizes the existence of formal political organization on both the state and county level together with the relative political vacuum existing on the congressional district and the precinct level. The weakness of district organization is probably a result of the lack of a clear-cut program for each district, while the deficiency in precinct organization is a result of a lack of political sophistication on the part of both county civic organizations and county political party organizations.

The problem of communication cannot entirely be solved by any of the existing civil rights organizations due to their own built-in shortcomings. An attempt to solve the problem can be made only by either a commercial venture or a supra-organization capable of viewing all of the political programs in the state with a degree of critical objectivity. The South Carolina Voter Education Project would be capable of filling this latter role with the purchase of the equipment and material listed in the budget.

In addition, the purchase of offset equipment will enable the Voter Education Project to supply all the civil rights organizations in South Carolina with inexpensive printed and visual material similar to the way in which the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education supplies material for the various (and sometimes competing) labor unions working in the state. This equipment would also enable the Voter Education Project to supply printed material for the many Negro candidates who will be running for political office during the next year.

The purchase of a 16mm sound projector together with two additional films would also be of value in overcoming the communication barrier. We already have two such films in our library.

An attempt will be made to correct weaknesses in political organization on the district and precinct level by two methods. One assistant will be assigned to each congressional district chairman, and each assistant will be supplied minimal resources to staff a district office. Each assistant will be expected to cooperate to the best of his ability with the program of the various civil rights organizations active in his district. Each congressional district will provide the office space for the assistant.

In addition, two intensive registration campaigns will be subsidized through congressional district organizations. Although ultimate accountability for this expenditure will be handled by the district chairmen through the Voter Education Project President and the Treasurer, the details of each campaign and the expenditure of the funds will be planned and directed by each district chairman and the county chairmen who make up his organization. It should be noted that the registration campaigns are planned for the months preceding the fifteen day registration period in the state. The May campaign will be an indigenous one in all counties of the state. The July campaign will be concerned with support of action programs in those counties not having summer volunteer workers supported by civil rights organizations as well as subsidization of such projects where needed. The Voter Education Project does not intend to directly sponsor any volunteer registration projects itself because to do so would place the Voter Education Project in competition with the very organizations which make up the state-wide Voter Education Project structure.

The passage of the 1965 federal Voting Rights Act has intensified the need for political organization and voter education. Negroes will no longer face built-in discrimination due to their lower educational level (South Carolina is one of two states which does not have a compulsory school attendance law) so registration will be hindered only by fear of economic or physical reprisals coupled with the disadvantage of requiring all prospective voters to register at the county courthouse during either a one or a three day period each month.

61% of the Negro population over the age of twenty-five had no more than a sixth grade education in 1960. Under the new Voting Rights Act it is now possible for illiterates to register in South Carolina, and the need for immediate civic education for these people is self-evident. The Voter Education Project intends to print simple booklets explaining local, state and national government for the use of volunteer teachers. We also intend to print and distribute material on politics itself with particular emphasis on methods of detecting propaganda techniques. This material will be distributed to Voter Education Project officers, NAACP branch presidents and political action chairmen, SCLC citizenship school teachers, CORE workers and other volunteers. In addition, high school civics teachers will be urged to set up adult civic education clinics as class projects.

The increased use of films by the Voter Educatbn Project is also intended to reach this new voting population. Most of these new voters are more astute than the average observor thinks, however, and the real task in 1966 is not to educate them, but rather to educate their leaders. It is extremely difficult for meaningful political activity to rise spontaneously, particularly among a group of people who had no hope of participating in politics and who therefore have never considered political involvement to be a desirable goal. Such activity must be organized by leaders who are aware of the significance of their actions and who are responsible to a critical constituency. To discover and to train this sophisticated leadership and to develop a critical constituency is the dual task of the South Carolina Voter Education Project.

South Carolina Voter Education Project

PROPOSED BUDGET
1965-1966

	Office Equip.	Travel	Salaries	Phone	Office Supplies	Postage	Rent	Petty Cash	Honorar.
State Office	4259.20	2280.00	16800.00	1630.00	4961.00	1025.00	600.00	180.00	1500.00
Regional Offices	1860.00	4680.00	28800.00	2880.00	840.00	360.00		360.00	
TOTAL	6119.20	6960.00	45600.00	4510.00	5801.00	1385.00	600.00	540.00	1500.00

Total Operating Expenses----------$73,015.20
State Office---------$33,235.20
Regional Offices-----$39,780.00
Total Voter Registration Expenses----------$18,850.00

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET.....$91,865.20

Proposed Budget
for
State Office

OFFICE EQUIPMENT	
Offset Press	$ 2,694.70
Shipping	26.00
Maintenance Contract	294.76
Sales Tax	80.85
Adding Machine	50.00
Filing Cabinet	48.95
Collater	24.95
Pitney-Bowes Machine @ $6.50/month	78.00
Installation	32.50
Movie Projector	200.00
Movie Screen	30.00
Films	500.00
Paper Cutter	38.49
Light Table	35.00
Addressograph Plates	25.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
TOTAL	$ 4,259.20
TELEPHONE	
Telephone @ maximum of $125.00/month	$ 1,500.00
Installation of 2nd Telephone	30.00
Deposit on 2nd Telephone	100.00
TOTAL	$ 1,630.00
SALARIES	
Field Director	$ 8,000.00
Clerk-Typist	3,600.00
Administrative Assistant/Office Manager	5,200.00
TOTAL	$16,800.00
TRAVEL	
Travel Allowance for Field Director @ $.08/mi. with maximum of $125.00/month	$ 1,500.00
Travel Allowance for Administrative Assistant @ $.08/mi. with maximum of $65.00/month	780.00
TOTAL	$ 2,280.00

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Offset Materials	$ 3,000.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Pamphlets and Educational Material	300.00
Maps: 2 sets @ $15.00/ea.	30.00
Maps: 1 set @ $23.00/ea.	23.00
Newspaper Subscriptions	75.00
S.C. Legislative Manuals: 22 @ $1.50/ea.	33.00
Xeroxing	100.00
Printing	200.00
Congressional Quarterly Advisory Service	200.00
TOTAL	$ 4,961.00

POSTAGE

Stamps	$ 750.00
Third Class Mailing Permit	35.00
Newsletter Mailing: 1,000 copies @ 1.8¢ ea. month	240.00
TOTAL	$ 1,025.00

OFFICE RENT

Rent @ $50.00/month	$ 600.00
TOTAL	$ 600.00

PETTY CASH

Running Account @ $15.00/month	$ 180.00
TOTAL	$ 180.00

HONORARIUMS

Visiting Guests	$ 500.00
Executive Committee Travel	1,000.00
TOTAL	$ 1,500.00

Proposed Budget
for
Six Regional Offices

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

6 Manual Typewriters @ $75.00/ea.	$ 450.00
6 Desks & Chairs @ $100.00/ea.	600.00
6 File Cabinets @ $65.00/ea.	390.00
6 Ditto Machines @ $70.00/ea.	420.00
TOTAL	$ 1,860.00

TRAVEL

Travel Allowance @ $.08/mi. with maximum of $65.00/month ea. district	$ 4,680.00
TOTAL	$ 4,680.00

SALARIES

6 Regional Assistants @ $400.00/month ea.	$28,800.00
TOTAL	$28,800.00

TELEPHONE

6 Telephones @ maximum of $30.00/month ea.	$ 2,160.00
6 Telephone Installations @ $20.00/ea.	120.00
6 Telephone Deposits @ $100.00/ea.	600.00
TOTAL	$ 2,880.00

OFFICE SUPPLIES

Supplies @ $10.00/month ea. district	$ 720.00
Subscriptions for 1 newspaper from ea. county: approximately $20.00/ea. district	120.00
TOTAL	$ 840.00

POSTAGE

Stamps @ $5.00/month ea. district	$ 360.00
TOTAL	$ 360.00

PETTY CASH

Running Accounty @ $5.00/month ea. district	$ 360.00
TOTAL	$ 360.00

Proposed Budget
for
Voter Registration Campaigns

APRIL VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
Action program in all counties

First Congressional District	$2,000.00
Second Congressional District	2,250.00
Third Congressional District	950.00
Fourth Congressional District	1,075.00
Fifth Congressional District	1,125.00
Sixth Congressional District	2,025.00
TOTAL	$9,425.00

JULY VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN
Action program in counties where no existing program is being conducted
Subsidizing counties where programs are already being conducted

First Congressional District	$2,000.00
Second Congressional District	2,250.00
Third Congressional District	950.00
Fourth Congressional District	1,075.00
Fifth Congressional District	1,125.00
Sixth Congressional District	2,025.00
TOTAL	$9,425.00

NOTE: Please see Randolph T. Blackwell's Field Trip Reports for additional information on South Carolina.

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Dear

As Director of the South Carolina Voter Education Project, I am sorry that my first communication with you must be on such an impersonal and urgent basis. Nonetheless, there are certain guidelines for our activities in the month to come which I would like to put into your hands.

To some of you, these suggestions may seem overly complicated and formal. To others, they may seem naive. I simply ask you to accept them for what they are worth, to modify them to suit your local needs, but, above all, to consider them and discuss them with your precinct chairmen, other workers, and concerned citizens.

I would like to remind you that at the present time, there is no promise whatsoever of additional money for a get-out-the-vote campaign. Your state officers are exploring various means of raising funds, and if such funds are obtained, you will be notified immediately. It is imperative, however, that you plan your operations on a voluntary, mass scale, for we <u>must</u> produce results on November the Third, with or without financial backing.

If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Miles

Richard Miles, Director
South Carolina Voter
Education Project

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

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S.C. VEP Step One

VOLUNTEERS

You must begin an active search for volunteers. Many, many people, especially the young and the retired, are eager to help. THEY MUST BE ASKED. Do not wait for volunteers to drop from the sky! Go where the people are - ask church groups to help, NAACP organizations, civic and social clubs, labor and professional organizations, high school and college students. Call for volunteers at ball games, fairs, and other public gatherings. Send people to restaurants, clubs, barber and beauty shops, and neighborhoods with sign-up sheets for volunteers.

These people must be presented with a working program. You must have specific things for them to do. Organize your activities on a committee basis, and assign new volunteers to a definite committee leader. Don't just get these people together to talk. Their minds are already made up, and they want to act. You must utilize this energy and put them to work. Their enthusiasm will spread to their friends and neighbors and will create a band-wagon effect that will have smashing results at the polls.

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S.C. VEP Step Two

VOTER EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Due to the success of our voter registration efforts, we have a great many new voters on the books. Many of these people have registered only after persistent efforts through voter registration campaigns. We must assume that many of these people will not vote at all unless they are sought out and taught how to mark the ballot or use the voting machine. In addition, we must assume that many of these new registrants who do intend to vote will unintentionally mis-mark their ballot or incorrectly work the voting machine and completely invalidate their ballot. In this election, we must make sure that absolutely every ballot cast is a good ballot. In 1960, President Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon by only 9,571 votes in the entire state of South Carolina! As you can see, <u>every single vote is vital</u>. We cannot let one ballot be disqualified because we failed to show people correct voting procedures.

Voter education workshops must be established to show people how to vote. The only real qualification needed to lead such a workshops is to understand the mechanics of voting and be able to explain them to others. You must take the responsibility for setting up a committee of qualified teachers. The chairman of this committee can be responsible for arrangements and schedules for the classes which need only be of two or three hours duration for a one or two evening period. Let us not waste time now with different slates of candidates or philosophical explanations. Let us simply show people how to mark a ballot and have it count. High school students are good leaders for these workshops. It helps the students prepare effectively for the time when they will be marking a ballot, and often older people are less reticent about asking questions of young people than of older ones. At least one area has reported of a high school civics class which has adopted such a voter education workshop as a class project. This excellent idea could be used in many other areas as well.

We have secured the cooperation of Mr. Ben Mack of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Mr. Mack, his full-time co-workers, and former students of SCLC citizenship schools throughout the state are ready to teach as many of these voter workshops as they can. They are particularly experienced in teaching others to teach. They are experts at arousing civic pride and enthusiasm. If you will schedule specific dates, times, places with our office, we can begin utilizing the services that Mr. Mack and the SCLC have so generously offered. Let us hear from you immediately on this as they have cancelled their usual activities for the next month and are awaiting our requests.

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Step Three

PERSONNEL LISTS

This is relatively easy step, but one which has caused the failure of many election campaigns. You must get the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of your officers, precinct and ward chairmen, committee leaders and key co-workers. The only way to get some of the necessary but inglorious tasks done is to have a definite person to do a definite job,and to accomplish this on a county-wide scale you must have this information in writing. It is absolutely essential that I have this information prior to the election. There are two primary reasons for this: I must know as quickly as possible those areas of Negro voting strength in which no organizational work is being done, and, in addition, I will be serving as a liason with other groups on election day and,when notified of poor turn-out in a given precinct or ward, I must be able to call appropriate leaders as quickly as possible in order to concentrate additional efforts and experienced help in those areas.

Even more important for your own purposes is the printing and distribution of address lists of all registered Negro voters arranged in a precinct or ward basis. This is a large task, but it must be done and done as soon as possible after October 3. This work can be farmed out to high school girls, off-duty secretaries, secretaries of religious and social organizations or anyone else that can type. If you start now,this task can be accomplished; if you delay, it will never be adequately done, and by just such a delay we will lose this election!

I need copies of these lists as soon as you have them. We are preparing several mass mailings of state-wide scope, and we need these lists to complete this job.

Without a listing of all registered Negro voters, it will be impossible for you to wage a serious get-out-the-vote campaign. Without such a list, your precinct workers cannot do any thorough door-to-door canvassing, your telephone campaign will not hit those people who should be reached, and you will be totally unable to keep a check-off list at the polls. Without the check-off list, you have no real influence on election day. You cannot effeciently dispatch drivers, you cannot assign baby sitters where they are most needed. If there is one single necessity of a get-out-the-vote campaign, it is the check-off list! You must prepare this for yourself and your precinct workers.

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S.C. VEP Step Four

CAR POOLS

One of the most important things to be done in every precinct is the arrangement for car pools. Obtain definite committments well in advance for volunteer cars and drivers on election day. Ask Negro cab companies or independent cab drivers to volunteer their cars for an hour or so at different times of the day. Establish a central phone number for voters to call if they need a ride. Publicize this number. List it on all your leaflets, posters, and mailings, and announce it in public whenever possible.

The poll watchers, the dispatchers and the car drivers should know one another in advance so that there will be a minimum of confusion and delay on election day. When the poll watchers' check-off sheets show that a particular neighborhood is not voting as heavily as it should, they should have volunteers available to go to that neighborhood armed with names and addresses to encourage registered voters to go to the polls. Another good tactic is to go from door to door telling registered voters that a car will be by to pcik them up in five minutes to take them down to the polls. Young people would be particularly valuable for this job.

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Step Five

PUBLICITY

The best possible suggestion is to use your imagination. If you have money to spend for leaflets, posters, mailings, Do so. If you can afford to buy radio or television time or newspaper space, you are probably not in a position to need suggestions from me. If you don't have money, however, I can suggest that mimeographed hand-outs are fairly inexpensive and that posters can be made with poster board or butcher paper for almost nothing. Local Negro merchants might be approached about donating supplies. Again, the young people can be of great value.

As we all know, the churches provide the best means for reaching the voting citizen,and especially in rural areas it represents almost the only way. Have volunteers deliver short messages in all churches. Talk to the ministers in advance. Don't have someone show up in the middle of services, make his announcement and leave. Go to church to worship, but while you are there give a talk on voting. Most ministers are very cooperative, and many will support you from the pulpit. Ask the minister several days in advance for permission to make the announcement. Every church bulletin or program should have the name and telephone number of the person to call for voter information printed on it. Get permission to place on church bulletin boards the names of the members of their respective congregations who are registered.

Some ministers have taken it as a duty to lead their congregations to the polls in a group. You should suggest such an idea to the ministers in your area. This is particularly useful in rural areas.

Prior to the election, you should arrange several mass meetings to help instill community spirit. One such meeting should be planned for the night just prior to the election. Let us know if you are planning such a meeting, and we can send volunteers to help that evening. You might try holding a pot-luck dinner for your committeemen and precinct workers.

South Carolina Voter Education Project

S.C. VEP Step Six

VIOLATIONS OF THE LAW

I will be in the Columbia office at 254-5953 all day on November the third. You should immediately report to me all violations of the electoral code, irregularities at the polls, reports by voters of harrassments or intimidations, and difficulties you or your workers are encountering which seem to be deliberate attempts at hindering your work so that they can be investigated and the necessary action be taken.

If you need any help or assistance, please let me know. That is why I have been hired.

South Carolina Voter Education Project

THESE ARE YOUR

CONGRESSMEN

There are two (2) senators from Virginia in the United States Senate.

YOUR SENATORS ARE:

The Honorable Harry F. Byrd
The United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

The Honorable A. Willis Robertson
The United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

There are ten (10) representatives from Virginia in the United States House of Representatives (one from each of the ten (10) Congressional Districts).

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE:

District 1
The Honorable Thomas N. Downing
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

District 2
The Honorable Porter Hardy
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

District 3
The Honorable J. Vaughan Gary
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

District 4
The Honorable Watkins M. Abbitt
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

District 5
The Honorable William M. Tuck
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

District 6
The Honorable Richard H. Poff
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

District 7
The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

District 8
The Honorable Howard W. Smith
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

District 9
The Honorable W. Pat Jennings
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

District 10
The Honorable Joel T. Broyhill
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

To locate your city, town or county by Congressional District, study map on reverse side.

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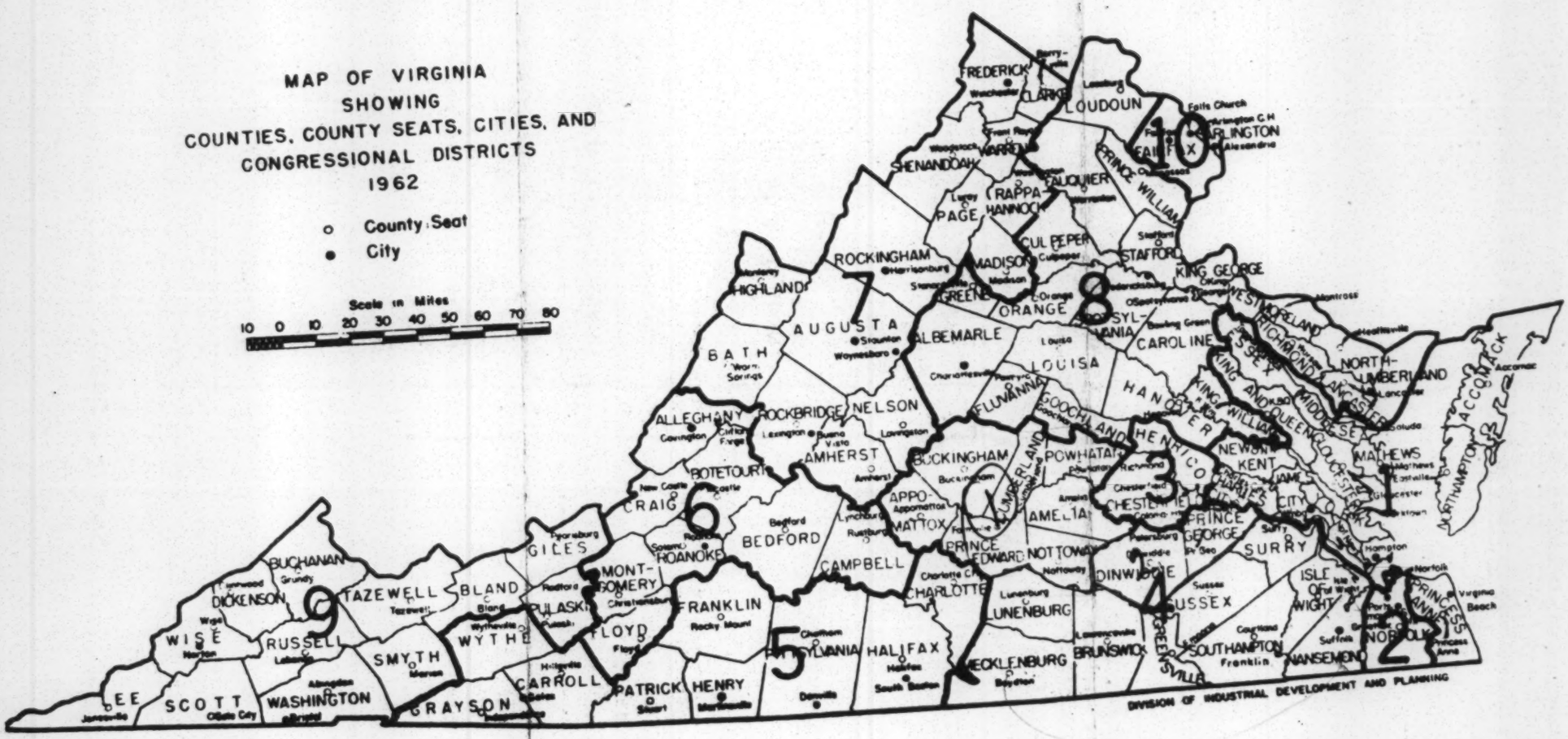
MAP OF VIRGINIA
SHOWING
COUNTIES, COUNTY SEATS, CITIES, AND
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS
1962



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February 24, 1964

Mr. John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration Program
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Pursuant to analyses of the potential Negro Vote in Virginia; the several Voter Registration Programs spearheaded by the NAACP; the successful administrative and legal attacks made by the NAACP upon the sundry inhibitions erected by the state to bar or discourage Negro suffrage participation and the challenges offered to Negroes to qualify to vote in the 1964 federal elections, the Virginia State Conference of Branches submits its Voter Registration Program for 1964, with a minimum recommended budget for your study and approval.

You will recall the conversations relative to the Conference's program held in January with Messrs. Morsell and Griffin, relative to our Virginia Voter Registration Program particularly as it pertains to the hiring of Voter Registration Specialists.

The Conference upon verbal approval of our Project by National Office officials proceeded to engage a Director for the project and has made exploratory moves to get area coordinators committed.

Please note further, that the period of our "Unusual Voter Registration Program" is from February 22 to May 2, 1964, therefore, your approval of the project and the allocation of the budgetary monies are urgently prayed for.

We are confident that note-worthy increases; which will be reflected in this year's federal elections will be assured, if our Program becomes operative.

With appreciation, we are,

Very truly yours,

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

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1964 VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM
FOR
THE VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES NAACP

The Virginia State Conference of Branches contemplates a continuation of its state-wide efforts to increase the number of qualified Negro voters in the Commonwealth of Virginia. These efforts dating back to the organization of the Conference in 1935, have witnessed an ever increasing degree of productivity, especially during the last decade. This increased interest in Voter Registration is reflected in the numerical rise in the actual number of Negroes meeting all elector qualifications. In 1950 there were approximately 35,000 Negroes qualified to vote, today these are approximately 115,00.

The Conference's efforts have been projected in a two pronged program. The Conference has maintained a constant position favoring the abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting and at the same time has been vocal and effective in its legal and non-legal attacks on the sundry inhibitions placed or attempted to be placed in the path of Negroes seeking to qualify as voters.

During this period, the Conference has been foremost and outstanding in promoting an educational program among the Negro population throughout Virginia. The extent of the sundry inhibitions and the necessity for such a state-wide educational program is dealt with in depth with our specific observations relative to the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia.

During the period under consideration (1950 to date) the Virginia State Conference of Branches, although other state-wide organizations have interested themselves in the Negro Voter Registration problem, has been the only organization that has employed special full and/or part time Voter Registration workers.

Because of the accumulated knowledge and technical know-how; its communication with the total Virginia Negro community, through its member branches and the mechanical production facilities maintained as a part of its overall program, the Conference is the recognized most effective agency in Virginia in the Negro Voter Registration field.

It is noteworthy, we believe to observe that there is an increasing awareness on the part of a number of influential predominately white organizations who, as the NAACP, recognize the inhibitions the poll tax and the complex legislation regulating registration places on the electorate have combined their efforts to abolish the poll tax requirement for local and state elections and to otherwise liberalize Virginia laws pertaining to all (local, state and federal) elections.

The NAACP is the only predominately Negro organization to have representation on the state-wide Steering Committee.

THE CONFERENCE'S VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR 1964

With the ratification of the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution outlawing the payment of poll tax as a requirement to vote in federal elections; with the solid opposition of the Virginia Congressional delegation to the passage of strong civil rights legislation during this session of Congress; with the continued opposition to the several decisions by the United States Supreme Court affording basic constitutional guarantees to Negroes; with the steadfast refusal of the Byrd organization to liberalize voter registration laws and with 1964 being a presidential election year, the Conference while conducting its Voter Registration program on a state-wide basis, will concentrate a major portion of its efforts in the Fourth Congressional District and in selected key cities.

VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

The Fourth Congressional District of Virginia, according to the 1960 census, has 198,316 adults; 84,867 of which are classified as non-white. In the 1960 presidential election 60,000 residents voted. In the 1961 election for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General in which three of the six aspirants were residents of that district, a total of 36,711 residents voted. Its Congressman, The Honorable Watkins G. Abbitt was reelected without opposition in 1960, by 39,408 and in 1962, again without opposition by 30,642 votes.

The district is principally rural and, as much or more so than any other area in Virginia, its political policies and characteristics mirror those of the dominant Byrd organization. It is the birthplace and stronghold of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties which spearheads Virginia's continuing "resistance" to racial desegregation in public schools. Its spirit of defiance is eloquently represented by its Prince Edward County where for four sessions, public schools have remained closed as an alternative to compliance with federal law and the implementing decrees of the federal courts. Here, as much as or more so than elsewhere in Virginia, a small core of professional officeholders and their associates control local government in all of its aspects and dominate expressed public opinion.

It has long been recognized that the key to progressive political change in Southside Virginia lies in increased political expression by Negroes. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, assisted by the Virginia Voter's League, the Independent Voter's League and other organizations have carried on a continuing program to persuade Negroes in this area to pay poll taxes, register and vote.

Some efforts have been made toward showing the direct relationship existing in some counties between poll tax paying and selection for jury service and toward showing the disadvantages to Negroes who in large numbers inhabit communities where, with few exceptions, the jurors are invariably white and all officeholders are white (Nansemond, Prince Edward and Greensville Counties excepted).

It is now proposed that we embark in 1964 upon an unusual program to build the Negro vote to its full potential. There are many difficulties to be overcome. There is a seemingly lack of interest, or fear of economic reprisal, on the part of the many Negro residents of marginal income, most of whom find employment as sharecroppers, domestics and unskilled laborers. The few industries in the district invariably have racially discriminatory hiring policies. Labor Union activity is effectively stifled by the political machine. It is known that county treasurers have encouraged non-payment of poll taxes by Negroes in the past and it can be assumed that such tactics will be attempted under the Certificate of Residence requirement. It is a Virginia constitutional requirement that a would be voter make written application on a blank sheet of paper, a modification of the blank sheet or on a printed form in the presence of the registrar, stating certain factual items without aid, suggestion, or memorandum. There is a reluctance on the part of local registrar to be available or to be otherwise cooperative when the Negro applies to register. However, experience teaches that these inhibititions can be overcome.

It is possible that some impetus to our 1964 program may come from the fact that a Negro, who resides in and is well known in all parts of the district,

has indicated his intention to be a candidate for Congress in 1964 general elections. Should such serve as an awakening, the possibilities of effecting a change in the District's Congressional complexion is bright.

An effective Voter Registration Program in Southside Virginia can effectively change the tenor of Virginia's participation on the national political scene in the 1964 presidential and congressional elections.

The Fourth Congressional District is composed of the following political subdivisions: The Counties of Prince Edward, Buckingham, Amelia, Nottoway, Appomattox, Powhatan, Cumberland, Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, Prince George, Surry, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Southampton, Brunswick, Sussex, Nansemond and Isle of Wight and the Cities and/or Towns of Petersburg, Hopewell and Suffolk.

The Conference's unusual Voter Registration Program for the Fourth Congressional District will embrace an area consisting of eighteen (18) Counties and three (3) Cities, located in the so-called black belt of Virginia beginning February 22 and ending May 2, 1964 (a ten (10) week period) which corresponds to the period and May 2 deadline requirement to qualify to vote in the 1964 federal elections either by meeting the poll tax requirement or filing a Certificate of Residence.

The program will be under the supervision of a Coordinator who will carry the title of Director of the NAACP Fourth Congressional District Voter Registration 1964 Program.

Each area (three (3) cities and eighteen (18) counties) will be manned by a person designated as an Area Coordinator.

There follows a minimum budget for a ten (10) week program:

SALARIES

Director (district coordinator)
$75.00 per week for 10 week period .....$ 750.00

Area Coordinators
Twenty-one (21) areas at $25.00 per week
per coordinator or $525.00 per week for
entire district (10 weeks at $525.00)..... 5,250.00

TRAVEL EXPENSES

Director - Travel and Board
with assistance from district area
communities, $50.00 per week for
10 week period 500.00

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS

Transportation of area citizens to
treasurer's and registrar's offices.
A special (privately owned) car will
be made available one day per week
in each city and county. Gas, oil,
wear and tear on car - $10 per week.
(21 areas x $10 per week x 10 weeks)..... 2,100.00

LITERATURE, PHONE (long distance calls)
AND POSTAGE (present available office
space and secretarial staff of Con-
ference to be used)..... 2,500.00
SUB TOTAL $11,100.00

Funds for state-wide Voter Registration Program
exclusive of Fourth Congressional District,
with special attention given to the cities of:
Richmond, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Roanoke,
Danville, Fredericksburg, Alexandria and South
Boston. (This amount will be ~~over~~ matched by the
Virginia State Conference)..... 5,000.00

GRAND TOTAL . . . . . ~~$16,100.00~~
16,100.00

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
106A South Avenue
Petersburg, Virginia

WBC
KTB
BCW

APR 13 1964

April 8, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, S. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Fourth Congressional District Voter Registration Committee has been organized for the purpose of persuading adult Negroes in the district to register to vote in the 1964 federal election and thereafter to have them qualify and to remain qualified to vote in all subsequent elections - federal, state and local. It proposes to build efficient county and city organizations and in the future to be sustained by them. Initially, the plan is to work with such county or city organizations as have presently existing effectiveness or with such as can be induced to become effective. Where nominal local leadership is ineffective, other leaders will be recruited.

Initially, we recruit a leader for each county or city and have him recruit a leader for each precinct. Ultimately, every resident will be assigned to a team of approximately fifteen persons. The county (or city), the precinct, and the team are the indispensable echelons. Intermediate levels of supervision may be added as the circumstances will demand.

District personnel will conduct in each county and city one or more "survey workshops," demonstrating a standard technique for making separate cards for each resident of a neighborhood, selecting potential team leaders, and provisionally organizing the residents into teams. Precinct leaders, having observed the process, will conduct similar workshops in other neighborhoods. Precinct leaders contact the selected team leaders (or substitutes when necessary) and persuade them to serve.

Each team leader works with the members of his or her team until all of them have registered. Weekly reports from team leader direct to District Headquarters will be required until all members of the team will have been reported as registered. District headquarters will keep county and precinct leaders informed as to the progress (or lack of progress) of

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the several teams as well as to the relative progress of the several major units in the district. The weekly gathering and dissemination of this information is seen as the key to the success of the drive. Whenever progress is unsatisfactory, the district proposes to send such help as may be needed or to make such changes in local leadership as may promise to effect the desired result.

In most of the communities, the local people have made selection of their county and precinct leaders. However, it is generally understood and accepted that during the year the forms of democratic action can not be allowed to impede the program. It is anticipated that after this year the district committee will not be arbitrarily selected, but will be composed of one representative from each county or city and one additional representative for each one thousand affiliated registered voters in the county or city.

The committee seeks to avoid the undesirable effects which in some parts of the district result from rivalries between the national civil rights organizations and other such groups. We will work with or without the help or affiliation of any other group. Our aim is to get voters--to get everyone to be a voter--simply that, and nothing more.

We have not devised the means by which to meet expense items which will mount as we grow. Stated somewhat in the order of their priorities, estimated major expense items for the period of approximately six months ending October are:

Rent	$ 300
Office Help	2,400
Supplies	1,500
Office Equipment	300
Postage	750
Telephone	750
Travel Expense	900
Total	$6,900

We believe that our program merits your consideration and support. To whatever extent our limited personnel resources may be relieved from the burdens of raising finances to ensure its execution during its first year, our energies can be expended toward our overall objective of building an effective Negro electorate in Southside Virginia. May we urge your commitment of financial assistance in as generous amount as is consistent with your program?

Yours very truly,

David E. Gunter

David E. Gunter, Chairman
4th Congressional District
Voter Registration Committee

DEG:jew

6/24/64 –
Meeting in Stetler - Hilton - D.C. –
Lester Barber, Frank Reeves – Paul Goodloe
John Brooks, Dr. W.L. Harris, Fredericksburg – Louis ARONICA

Campaign ADA - Idea developed for attack on 8th Dist.
Re: 8th Cong. Dist of Va. – Howard Smith, Cong.

1960 – Smith 42,000 — Republican 13,000
Situation at present
(1) Va. Reg Law
(2) Pushout of Northern Va. Suburbs into 8th Dist.

Boston wind re-gen July 16 to Oct. 2

Present Reg in 8th Dist. approx 60,000
White ?
Negro –

Floyd Bagley

Negro Voter Reg – Hq. in Fredericksburg
Leo Burnett – Negro – (expense from Md. Tidewater
2nd office in Charlottesville. from Baltimore
3rd office in Ashland Morgan State Student.
4th office N. Neck

8 people - budget of $27,000 – None Committed
Hope to get money from VEP & NAACP

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August 29, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Va. State Conference, NAACP
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Lester:

We have placed your order for quadruplicate voucher checks and they should be back from the printer by the end of next week and will be rushed to you.

I note that your project is to run from August 15 until November 15. At the moment, we would like to give priority to a registration campaign in advance of the October 3 deadline for registration for voting in the November General Election. Please describe what kind of program you have in mind following the October 3 deadline. Will your books be closed from October 4 until November 4?

In order that we can give full consideration to your request, I would suggest that you let us know how much of your budget request is to be spent on actual registration programs between September 1 and October 3? It may be that we can approve this phase of your request in full at this time. You should go ahead and start getting your program under way for this first phase and we will send you a check at the time we mail the printed voucher checks, assuming that you will have furnished us the information requested herein.

You state that you will have a 21 area project but I do not find any listing of these area in any of your correspondence. Please send us at once a listing of these 21 areas and describe the geographic area which will be covered by each. As soon as possible we would also like the names and addresses of the area leaders.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP

Receipt acknowledged this 3rd day of September 1964

SIGNED: W. Lester Banks

W. Lester Banks, Exe. Sec.

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 205 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

September 1, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
The Virginia State Conference
NAACP
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

As I told you awhile ago on the phone, I am leaving immediately for Arkansas to try a murder case and will very likely be out there all this week. The order has been placed for your voucher checks, and you should have them by the end of this week.

In order that you will have funds with which to support your state-wide conference on September 5 as we discussed, I am sending you a check in the amount of $1,000 representing a preliminary grant to your voter registration program. I have not yet decided on the full amount of your grant, and will want to see the information you are sending me today before making such a decision. I will reach a decision immediately upon my return this week, and will notify you.

The proceeds of this check should be deposited in your special VEP account, and all expenditures should be paid by the use of thesvoucher checks being sent you. These checks should always be used in numerical order, and you should send to our office at the end of each week, a carbon of each check written or voided during the week. A set of financial instructions is enclosed, and you, along with the persons responsible for your financial matters, should read it very carefully and follow the instructions contained therein. Mrs. Jane Moore of our staff will write you concerning progress reporting.

No portion of these funds may be used to engage in partisan politics, or in support of any particular political candidate in any manner whatsoever, nor thousld they be used for the pay-

ment of poll taxes.

We do not seek any publicity for VEP in connection with your program, but we have no objection to your mentioning that you are working with VEP. You are requested to not release any publicity regarding the amount of your grant, except to members of your executive committee, or persons working with your program, and all inquiries from reporters or others concerning the amount of the grant should be referred to us, but you should always admit, if asked, that you have received a grant from us.

It is to be understood that VEP reserves the right to cancel this program at any time, and demand the return of any unused portion of the grant, and you agree to account to us for same.

You are requested to acknowledge your understanding of the terms and conditions of this grant and receipt of the enclosed check by signing the enclosed carbon of this letter and returning it to us at once.

With every good wish for a successful program, I am

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: Financial Instructions
$1,000 check
Carbon copy of this letter

NAACP

THE VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT
OF COLORED PEOPLE
301 East Clay Street Richmond, Virginia 23219
PHONE: MIlton 4-5678 or MIlton 8-2435

L. Francis Griffin President

W. Lester Banks Executive Secretary

August 26, 1964

Air Mail Special

AUG 27 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Your telephone call on Monday afternoon was indeed welcome as it brought a ray of sunshine to our continuing efforts in Voter Registration.

As requested we are enclosing a copy of the proposed budget with cover letter prepared and mailed on July 15, 1964. We can not imagine why the original did not reach you. For my erroneous assumption, please pardon me.

In re-checking the file copy of the July 15, 1964 budget we discovered that an error had been made in item Number 4 (Special Transportation Costs). This amount should have been $3,360.00 instead of $3,320.00. This changes the grand total to $16,260.00 rather than $16,220.00 as shown on the sixteen week budget.

We can understand the difficulty in making allocations that are retroactive, and if you must, we would suggest that two week allocation deductions be made in budget items 1 and 3 and approve items 2 and 4 as submitted.

With reference to those cities earmarked to receive VEP monies directly, we would strongly suggest that they also be considered as a part of our 21 area project. As we pointed out in our letter of August 19, 1964 the Conference and the respective NAACP branches have and continue to work very, very closely with each of these groups. Please note the enclosures prepared by the Conference only this week for Lynchburg and Alexandria. I have similar requests from Dr. Holly's group in Portsmouth, and during the past two weeks have furnished groups in Petersburg, Danville and Roanoke thousands of localized Voter Registration aids.

In summary, we would pray that the Conference be assisted in its Voter Registration efforts by VEP granting approval of the total budget as submitted due to the peculiar circumstances involved.

A specimen of our check is enclosed. It is suggested that the vouchers and checks be printed in quadruplicate.

With deep appreciation for helping our Negro citizenry to help itself through an elightened and accelerated use of the ballot, and with warmest personal regards, we are

Sincerely yours,

Lester

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

Enclosures
CC: Mr. John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

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August 19, 1964

AUG 21 1964

Air Mail Special

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

As suggested during our conference in Washington, D.C., during the NAACP National Convention, we submitted to your office under July 15 date, a proposed budget of operation for the Virginia State Conference Voter Registration Project for a sixteen week period, totaling $16,220.00. Included in the budget allocations were the partial financial needs of the proposed Voter Registration Program for the 8th Congressional District, but only insomuch as they coincided with our NAACP areas of operation.

To date, we have not received an acknowledgement of receipt of our request for financial aid. Therefore, because of the urgency and need for financial aid in the continued prosecution of our Voter Registration Program, we respectfully submit a reduced budgetary request based on a 12 week period (August 15 - November 15), with up dated background information and exhibits indicative of the work being done by the Virginia State Conference of Branches.

With every good wish, we are

Sincerely,

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures

ENDORSEMENT OF ATTACHED BUDGETARY REQUEST

Approved by: John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

Date August 19, 1964

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July 15, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Pursuant to our conversation in Washington, D.C., during the 55th National Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People the Conference is pleased to submit a proposed Voter Registration budget for its Virginia Voter Registration Program for a sixteen week period (July 15 - November 15, 1964) totaling $16,220.00.

With reference to the proposed 8th Congressional District Voter Registration project the proposed budget includes assistance to the special project Voter Registration teams, with special attention being given to the cities of Charlottesville and Fredericksburg and the counties of Prince William, Fauquier and Loudoun. This assistance does not include salary or travel allocations for the team members, as it is our understanding that such will be taken care of from another source.

On yesterday, I conferred with Wesley Burrows and Frank McDougald two members of the 8th Congressional District Voter Registration Project who have been designated as Field Director and Assistant Field Director respectively. During the conference areas of cooperation were discussed and plans were made to hold a Action Meeting, embracing the whole of the District on July 25 in the City of Fredericksburg.

Be assured, any VEP monies allocated to the Conference's Voter Registration Program will be used wisely and well.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

WLB:lmp
Enclosure

CC: Mr. John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM
FOR
THE VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES-NAACP
For 16 week period (July 15-November 15)

The following represents the requirements for the Conference's Voter Registration Program for a 16 week period (July 15-November 15).

The budgetary requirements as hereinafter set forth do not include the statewide NAACP Voter Registration Program requirements, but reflect only the basic budgetary items for selected cities and counties grouped into 21 areas of operation.

Included in the areas of operation are the Cities of Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Roanoke, Danville, Fredericksburg, Alexandria, Portsmouth and South Boston.

Excluded from budgetary requests are the Cities of Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond and Petersburg. However, notwithstanding any independent allotments of VEP monies to the above named excepted cities, the Conference's Voter Registration Program will continue to furnish a substantial amount of the Voter Registration Educational aids used.

The program will be under the supervision of a Coordinator who will carry the title of Director of the NAACP Virginia Voter Registration Project.

Each of the 21 areas will be manned by a person designated as an Area Coordinator.

July 15, 1964

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR
THE VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES-NAACP

There follows a minimum budget for a 16 week program: (July 13-November 13, 1964)

SALARIES

Director
$75.00 per week for 16 week period ..... $ 1,200.00

Area Coordinators
Twenty-one (21) areas @ $25.00 per week
per coordinator or $525.00 per week for 16 weeks.. 8,400.00

TRAVEL EXPENSES

Director - Travel and Board with assistance
from Area communities at $50.00 per week for
16 week period 800.00

4- * **SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS**

Transportation of area citizens to Registrar's
offices. A special (privately owned) car will
be made available one day per week in each City
and County. Gas, oil, wear and tear on car -
$10.00 per week. (21 areas at $10.00 per week
for 16 weeks) ..... 3,320.00 — 3360.00

LITERATURE, PHONE (long distance calls)
AND POSTAGE (present available office
space and secretarial staff of Conference
to be used 2,500.00

GRAND TOTAL $16,220.00

16,260.00 corrected
W.L.B.

July 13, 1964

Submitted by: W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
Virginia State Conference-NAACP

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR
THE VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES-NAACP
For 12 week period (August 15-November 15)

There follows a minimum budget for a 12 week program:

* 1 **SALARIES**

Director
$75.00 per week for 12 week period ..... $ 900.00

Area Coordinators
Twenty-one (21) areas at $25.00 per week per coordinator or $525.00 per week for 12 weeks 6,300.00

** 2 **TRAVEL EXPENSE**

Director - Travel and Board with assistance from area committees, $50.00 per week for 12 week period 600.00

* 3 **SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION COSTS**

Transportation of area citizens to treasurer's and registrar's offices. A special (privately owned) car will be made available one day per week in each city and county. Gas, oil, wear and tear on car - $10 per week. (21 areas x $10 per week x 12 weeks) 2,520.00

** 4 **LITERATURE, PHONE (long distance calls) AND POSTAGE** (present available office space and secretarial staff of Conference to be used)..... 2,500.00

GRAND TOTAL $12,820.00

Submitted by: W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
Virginia State Conference-NAACP

August 19, 1964

* Recommend reduction (2 weeks)
** Recommend approval

2 weeks on steam

75
75
525
525
210
210
1620
103

12,820
1620
11,200.

PRESS RELEASE
CHURCH COORDINATING COMMITTEE
VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE-NAACP
Richmond, Virginia, March 27, 1964

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dr. John B. Henderson, pastor of Banks Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia and chairman of the Church Coordinating Committee of the Virginia State Conference, NAACP announced that the churches of Powhatan County will jointly hold "Citizenship Re-emphasis Services" on Thursday, April 9, 1964 at 8:00 P. M.

The chairman explained that "Citizenship Re-emphasis Services" will be held in each of the 21 political sub-divisions (counties and cities) in the Fourth Congressional District of Virginia as a part of the State NAACP Voter Registration Program. Dr. Henderson pointed out that on specified dates, the local churches will combine their efforts in sponsoring "Citizenship Re-emphasis Services" at selected local churches, the pulpits of which, will be graced with visiting guest ministers.

An impressive corps of ministers from throughout Virginia has volunteered their services as visiting guest ministers for this unique project.

Dr. Henderson expressed the appreciation of the Conference's Church Committee to the cooperating ministers and their church congregations of Powhatan County and to the visiting ministers and stated: "It is our reverent hope that our Easter observances will cause every citizen of Powhatan County to re-appraise his spiritual and civic commitments. The "Citizenship Re-emphasis Services", being held in Powhatan on April 9, the date marking the surrender of the Confederate Army at Appomattox in 1865 is cause for every colored citizen to rededicate himself to "Complete the Unfinished Business of Emancipation".

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The host churches, cooperating churches and the visiting guest ministers follow:

1. MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. P. W. Ross
Chairman, Deacon Board, Mr. James A. Willis
Choir Director, Mr. Lawrence Harrison

Cooperating Churches: Hollywood Baptist, Rev. J. H. Fisher, Pastor
Pine Hill Baptist, Rev. J. H. Fisher, Pastor

Visiting Guest Minister: Rev. Raymond Mitchell, Rector
St. Phillips P.E. Church, Richmond, Va.

2. FIRST ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. James Hargroves
Chairman, Deacon Board, Mr. Luke Johnson
Choir Directress, Mrs. Louise Tyler

Cooperating Churches: Shiloh Baptist, Rev. James Hargroves, Pastor

Visiting Guest Minister: Dr. W. L. Ransome, Pastor, First Baptist Church
South Richmond, Virginia

3. GILFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. A. Mason
Chairman, Deacon Board, Mr. Rufus Smith
Choir Directress, Mrs. Gertrude Bonaparte

Cooperating Churches: St. James Baptist, Rev. C. O. Smith, Pastor
Pleasant Grove Baptist, Rev. J. H. Quick, Pastor

Visiting Guest Minister: Rev. William E. Judge, Pastor
Third Street Bethel, AME Church, Richmond, Va.

4. MT. PERO BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. McCoy Lewis
Chairman, Deacon Board, Mr. Charles Brown
Choir Directress, Mrs. Martha Bland

Cooperating Churches: Little Zion Baptist, Rev. H. R. Venable, Pastor

Visiting Guest Minister: Rev. Wendell Russell, Dean of College
Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.

5. SECOND ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor, Rev. George Manning
Chairman, Deacon Board, Mr. George Clarke
Choir Directress, Miss Ethel Epps

Cooperating Churches: Bethel Baptist, Rev. J. A. Jackson, Pastor
Mt. Zion Baptist, Rev. Robert McCurdy, Pastor
Greenbrier Baptist, Rev. Phillip Cooke, Pastor

Visiting Guest Minister: Rev. Everette E. Smith, Pastor
Riverview Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

CITIZENSHIP REEMPHASIS NIGHT DATA

TO: Dr. John B. Henderson, Chairman of Church Coordinating Committee
Virginia State Conference-NAACP

FROM: The _____ NAACP Branch
Name of Church _____
Location _____
(Road Route and Nearest Postoffice)
Full name of Minister and home address _____
_____
Full name and address of Chairman of Deacon Board _____
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Full name and address of Choir Director _____
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Submitted by: W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
Virginia State Conference-NAACP

August 19, 1964

1964 VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM
FOR
THE VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES-NAACP

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Virginia State Conference of Branches, NAACP launched its 1964 Voter Registration efforts in November 1963 as an Unusual Voter Registration Program, but in reality it was an accelerated continuation of the Conference's state-wide efforts to increase the number of qualified Negro voters in the Commonwealth of Virginia. These efforts dating back to the organization of the Conference in 1935, have witnessed an ever increasing degree of productivity, especially during the last decade. This increased interest in Voter Registration is reflected in the numerical rise in the actual number of Negroes meeting all elector qualifications. In 1950 there were approximately 55,000 Negroes qualified to vote, today there are approximately 115,000.

The Conference's efforts have been projected in a two pronged program. The Conference has maintained a constant position favoring the abolition of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting and at the same time has been vocal and effective in its legal and non-legal attacks on the sunday inhibitions placed or attempted to be placed in the path of Negroes seeking to qualify as voters.

During this period, the Conference has been foremost and outstanding in promoting an educational program among the Negro population throughout Virginia. The extent of the sundry inhibitions and the necessity for such a state-wide educational program are dealt with hereinafter in depth with specific observations.

During the period under consideration (1950 to date), although other state-wide organizations have interested themselves in the Negro Voter Registration problem, the Virginia State Conference of Branches has been the only organization that has employed special full and/or part time Voter Registration workers.

Because of the accumulated knowledge and technical know-how; its communication with the total Virginia Negro community through its member branches and the mechanical production facilities maintained as a part of its overall program, the Conference is the recognized most effective agency in Virginia in the Negro Voter Registration field.

It is noteworthy, we believe to observe that there is an increasing awareness on the part of a number of influential predominately white organizations who, as the NAACP, recognize the inhibitions the poll tax and the complex laws regulating voter registration place on the electorate, have combined their efforts to abolish the poll tax requirement for local and state elections and to otherwise liberalize Virginia laws pertaining to all (local, state and federal) elections.

THE CONFERENCE'S VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM FOR 1964

With the anticipation of the ratification of the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution outlawing the payment or poll tax as a requirement to vote in federal elections; with the solid opposition of the Virginia Congressional delegation to the passage of strong civil rights legislation during this session of Congress; with the continued opposition to the several decisions by the United States Supreme Court affording basic constitutional guarantees to Negroes; with the steadfast refusal of the Byrd organization to liberalize voter registration laws and with 1964 being a presidential election year, the Conference while conducting its Voter Registration Program on a state-wide basis, elected to concentrate a major portion of its efforts in carefully selected key cities and counties grouped into 21 areas of operation.

100,000 New Negro Voters by November 3, 1964 was the goal set. The Conference considered this goal as realistic, notwithstanding the many difficulities to be overcome. There is a seemingly lack of interest, or fear of economic reprisal, on the part of the many Negro residents of marginal income, most of whom find employment as sharecroppers, domestic and unskilled laborers. Many of the industries still have racially discriminatory hiring policies. Labor Union activity is effectively stifled by the political machine, It is known that county treasurers have encouraged non-payment of poll taxes by Negroes in the past and it can be assumed that such tactics will be attempted under the Certificate of Residence requirement. It is a Virginia constitutional requirement that a would be voter make written application on a blank sheet of paper, a modification of the blank sheet or on a printed form in the presence of the registrar, stating certain factual items without aid, suggestion, or memorandum. There is a reluctance on the part of some local registrars to be available or to be otherwise cooperative when the Negro applies to register. However, experience teaches that these inhibitions can be overcome.

This first phase of the program (November - May 2) concerned itself with:

(1) Giving opposition to the attempts of the Commonwealth of Virginia to the enactment of election laws designed to nullify the anticipated favorable effects the ratification of the 24th Amendment to the United States Constitution would have on the voting status of Virginians (especially Negroes).

The General Assembly of Virginia, notwithstanding the strong organizational opposition to the enactment of additional restrictive election laws, enacted legislation bringing into being the Certificate of Residence as a substitute of the poll tax as a voter qualification in federal elections.

(2) Upon the ratification of the 24th Amendment, the Certificate of Residence law became operative in Virginia. The Conference's Voter Registration Program printed and effected state-wide distribution of 200,000 Certificate of Residence forms with educational brochures (see attached exhibits A & B).

(3) The Conference encouraged legal attacks on the Virginia election laws (especially those enacted by the 1963 Special Session of the General Assembly). Altogether four (4) suits were filed attacking the constitutionality of the Virginia election laws, and as a result, the federal courts declared the Certificate of Residence unconstitutional.

This phase of the Conference's Voter Registration Program has concerned itself with getting our Negro citizens to take advantage of the liberalized election procedures. To date 300,000 copies of the enclosed brochure (marked exhibit C) have been distributed.

Action meetings in each of the 21 selected areas have been held under the direction of the Conference's Voter Registration Program. In addition, special meetings

have been held in nine (9) of the ten (10) Virginia Congressional Districts (see exhibit D of sample announcements).

During the executive secretary's spare time, he has addressed 23 religious, fraternal and social groups in the interest of the Conference's Voter Registration Program and has effected the additional distribution of 20,000 pieces of Voter Registration educational aids.

Submitted by: W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
Virginia State Conference-NAACP

You Too Can Vote For The President In 1964

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY POLL TAXES TO REGISTER AND VOTE IN FEDERAL ELECTIONS IN 1964

THIS IS ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

IT IS EASY TO REGISTER IN RICHMOND. EVERY MAN AND WOMAN CAN DO IT.

REGISTER THIS WEEK!! Go to the registrar's office, 804 West Main Street (Mosque Building) and say to the pleasant registrar, "I want to register for 1964 federal elections."

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FILL OUT A SIMPLE FORM LIKE THIS:

1. Name .....

2. Street address .....

3. Place of birth .....
(City and State)

Year....., Month..... Day..... Age .....

4. Occupation .....

5. Have you ever voted before? Yes ☐ No ☐

City and state last voted .....

THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, 804 WEST MAIN STREET (MOSQUE BUILDING), IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:30 A. M. to 5 P. M. (If necessary, your employer will give you time off to register).

NEGROES IN THE SOUTH DON'T WANT YOUR PITY, THEY WANT YOU TO REGISTER AND VOTE.

.. YOU DON'T HAVE TO FILL IN LONG DIFFICULT REGISTRATION FORMS
... NOBODY WILL FIRE YOU FROM YOUR JOB, IF YOU REGISTER
.... NOBODY WILL PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR HOME, IF YOU REGISTER
..... NOBODY WILL DO YOU BODILY HARM, IF YOU REGISTER
..... NOBODY WILL SHOOT, KILL OR PUT YOU IN JAIL FOR URGING YOUR NEIGHBORS TO REGISTER AND VOTE

— REGISTER THIS WEEK —

— To Thine Ownself Be True —

CRUSADE FOR VOTERS **RICHMOND BRANCH NAACP**

IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND OR NEED HELP CALL MI 4-5678

I understand that Negroes will never be treated like first-class citizens unless they use their voting strength in their fight for freedom. I understand that our children will be led into the life of second-class citizens if we adults do not vote. Therefore, I promise to become a qualified voter.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

I promise to become a qualified voter _____ _____ and to vote on election
Time Date
day. I need ☐ transportation ☐ baby sitter ☐ _____.

Signature _____

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

I promise to become a qualified voter _____ _____ and to vote on election
Time Date
day. I need ☐ transportation ☐ baby sitter ☐ _____.

Signature _____

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Signature _____

Compliments
NAACP's Crusade for Voters

Worker _____

Address _____

Precinct Worked _____

Date of Survey _____

Sorry You Were Out

The March To The Registrar's Office Is On Now!!

It is easy to register in Staunton. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY POLL TAXES TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 3, Federal Election.

GO TO

The Registrar's (Attorney Philip Stanley is the Registrar) office in the Law Building, Barrister's Row any time between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday and say: "I want to register for the 1964 Federal Election."

Study the Application to Register on the back of this sheet. Practice writing your application until you can write it correctly from memory.

Be First Class — REGISTER TODAY!!

For information call TU 6-6613

Sponsored by:
Voter Registration Committee
Staunton Branch, NAACP

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 20 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF VIRGINIA ARE THUSLY NUMBERED:

(1) "...he make application to register in his own handwriting, without aid, suggestion, or memorandum, in the presence of the registration officer, stating therein his (2) name (3) age (4) date and (5) place of birth, (6-9) residence and occupation at the time and for one year next preceeding and (10) whether he has previously voted, and if so the state, county and precinct in which he voted last;...."

APPLICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE

USING BLANK SHEETS OF PAPER, PRACTICE WRITING YOUR APPLICATION AS SHOWN IN SAMPLE BELOW UNTIL YOU CAN WRITE IT CORRECTLY FROM MEMORY.

I apply to register.

My name is _____ (Your full name).

I am _____ (give age) years old.

I was born _____ (Month - Day - Year).

I was born in _____ (Place of birth - City or Town or County & State).

I live in _____ Precinct of the

(City) (County) of _____.

I have lived here for more than a year.

I am a _____ (Kind of work you do).

I have done this kind of work for more than a year.

I have never voted.

_____
(Signature of Applicant)

_____
(RFD, Route or Street Number)

_____
(Town or City)

It is very important that the following words be spelled correctly in your application. Study them. Check them each time you practice writing your application.

apply	register	than
County	here	Virginia
voted	live	born

Sorry You Were Out

The March To The Registrar's Office Is On Now!!

It is easy to register. YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY POLL TAXES TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER 3 FEDERAL ELECTION. Go to the Registrar's office, located in City Hall (N. Royal St.) and tell the Registrar, "I want to register for 1964 federal election."

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FILL OUT A SIMPLE FORM LIKE THIS:

Name_____
Address_____
Length of residence in Va._____
Length of residence in Alexandria_____
Length of residence in Precinct_____
Date of birth_____
Place of birth_____
If naturalized, date and place_____
Occupation_____
Have you voted before ___If so, where_____
Have you paid all poll taxes assesable against you_____
Years paid_____
Are you a member of the Armed Services_____
Date of discharge_____
Have you ever been convicted of a crime which would disqualify you from registering and voting under Section 24-18 of the Code of Virginia_____
Have disabilities been removed_____
Date of pardon or certificate_____

REGISTRATION OATH

I,_____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am entitled to register under the Constitution and laws of this State and that I am not disqualified from exercising the right of suffrage by the Constitution of Virginia.

(Signed)_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this_____ day of _____, 1964.

_____
Registrar

Be First Class — REGISTER TODAY!!

For information call:
Robert I. Terrell - KI 8-8040
James Dugan - KI 9-7626

Sponsored by:
Alexandria Branch, NAACP

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY
Poll Taxes
TO REGISTER AND VOTE
In Federal Elections
In 1964

QUALIFY TODAY
It's Easy

(See Page 2)

President Kennedy, Medgar Evers and others gave their lives -

WILL YOU GIVE A VOTE FOR YOUR FREEDOM?

YOU CAN VOTE IN THE 1964 FEDERAL ELECTIONS WITHOUT PAYING A POLL TAX

THERE ARE TWO WAYS THIS CAN BE DONE:

I

IF YOU HAVE NEVER REGISTERED,

SIMPLY GO TO YOUR REGISTRAR

AND REGISTER.

IT'S EASY TO REGISTER

(For detailed instructions see page 4)

II

If you are registered and have not paid your poll taxes for (1961-1962-1963) you can qualify and vote in this year's (1964) Federal Elections by:

SIGNING A CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE

Certificate of Residence Forms may be secured from your local city / county treasurers office or from your local NAACP office.

(See sample of certificate of residence on page 5)

Deadline May 2, 1964

EXHIBIT A & B

Certificate of Residence Form
with Educational Brochure

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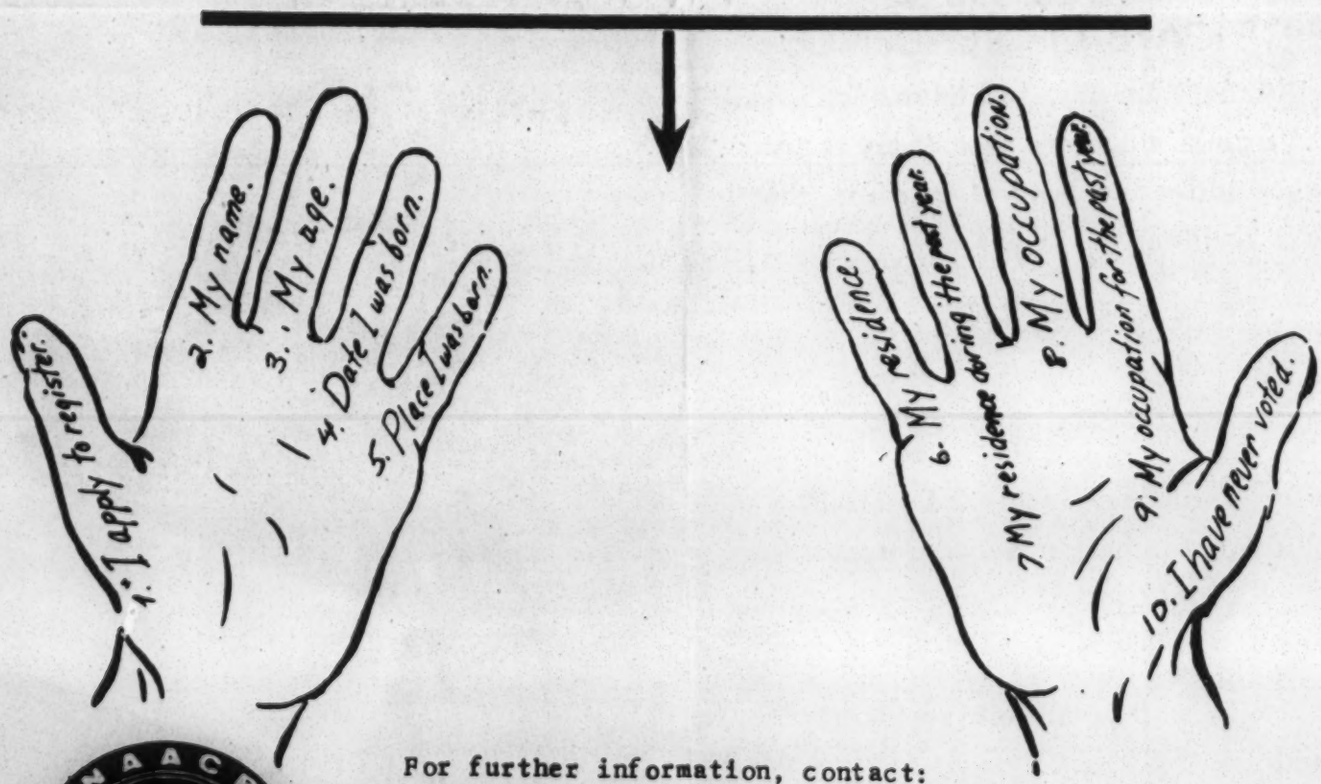
TO REGISTER
Is As Easy As Counting On Your Fingers



For further information, contact:

THE VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE-NAACP
VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
301 East Clay Street, Richmond, Va. 23219
Phone: 644-5678 or 648-2435

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE

I do certify that I am now and have been a resident of Virginia since the date of my registration to vote under the laws of Virginia, that I am now a resident of _____

_____,
(city or county)

residing at _____
(street and number, or

_____,
place or residence therein)

and that it is my intention not to remove from the city or county stated herein prior to the next general election.

_____
(Signature of resident)

Witnessed:

_____

OR

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 19____.

_____
Notary Public

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY
Poll Taxes
TO REGISTER AND VOTE
In Federal Elections
In 1964

QUALIFY TODAY
It's Easy

(See Pages 2 & 3)

President Kennedy, Medgar Evers
and others gave their lives -
WILL YOU GIVE A VOTE
FOR YOUR FREEDOM?

YOU CAN VOTE IN THE 1964 FEDERAL ELECTION WITHOUT PAYING A POLL TAX

IF YOU WERE BORN BEFORE NOVEMBER 4, 1943
and
IF YOU HAVE LIVED IN VIRGINIA SINCE NOVEMBER 3, 1963

Y O U C A N V O T E T H I S Y E A R

IN THE NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION WITHOUT PAYING A POLL TAX.

IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE

REGISTER

- NOW -

IT'S EASY TO REGISTER
(For detailed instructions see pages 4 & 5)

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YOUR LOCAL REGISTRAR MAY REQUIRE YOU TO MAKE YOUR APPLICATION ON A PRINTED FORM OR ON A BLANK SHEET OF PAPER OR A MODIFICATION OF THE TWO. YOUR NAACP VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL ADVISE YOU - PLEASE ASK.

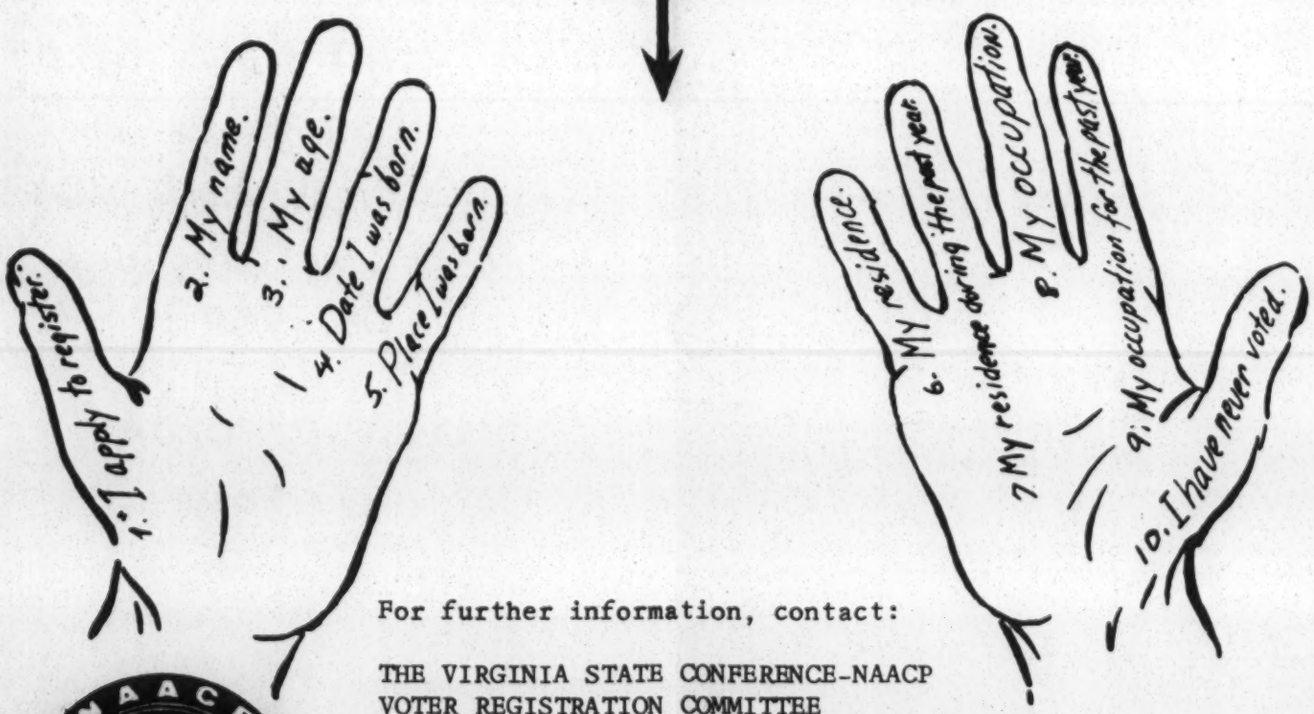
EXHIBIT C

Educational Brochure

- BUT REGARDLESS -

TO REGISTER

Is As Easy As Counting On Your Fingers



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VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
301 East Clay Street, Richmond, Va. 23219
Phone: 644-5678 or 648-2435
- or -
Your Local NAACP Voter Registration Committee

NAACP · FOUNDED 1909 · OVER 50 years

Please turn to page 5

APPLICATION TO REGISTER TO VOTE

USING BLANK SHEETS OF PAPER, PRACTICE WRITING YOUR APPLICATION AS SHOWN IN SAMPLE BELOW UNTIL YOU CAN WRITE IT CORRECTLY FROM MEMORY.

I apply to register.

My name is _____ (Your full name).

I am _____ (give age) years old.

I was born _____ (Month - Day - Year).

I was born in _____ (Place of birth - City or Town or County & State).

I live in _____ Precinct of the

(City) (County) of _____.

I have lived here for more than a year.

I am a _____ (Kind of work you do).

I have done this kind of work for more than a year.

I have never voted.

_____
(Signature of Applicant)

_____
(RFD, Route or Street Number)

_____
(Town or City)

It is very important that the following words be spelled correctly in your application. Study them. Check them each time you practice writing your application.

apply	register	than
County	here	Virginia
voted	live	born
year	lived	years

EXHIBIT D
Special Meeting
Announcement Letter

IRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE-NAACP
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Concerned Citizen:

"Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before." The two Big Events in the lives of the Negro Americans in 1964 are: (1) The 1964 Civil Rights Act and (2) The Federal Election on November 3.

Yes, our concerned friend, "Coming Events Cast Their Shadows Before" and the awesome shadows the Two Big Events of 1964 are casting even in mid-summer, will lengthen into a decade of darkness for the American Negro, other minority groups and perhaps for democracy itself, if the Negro does not transform his concern and fear into ACTION. To accomplish this:

THE VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEES
of the
Virginia State Conference and your Local Branch of the
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
and
Cooperating Community Organizaitons
Urge your Presence
at a
VOTER REGISTRATION ACTION MEETING
for the
2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Saturday, August 22, 1964
at
THE JEFFREY WILSON RECREATION CENTER
Airline Turnpike, Portsmouth, Virginia
1:00 P.M.

The future of the American Negro (which includes you and your children) will be influenced by what we do in Voter Registration not next year, but NOW.

For further information relative to the Coming Events in 1964, please read carefully the message on the reverse side of this letter.

Your presence is expected and will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

W. Lester Banks
W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
Virginia State Conference, NAACP

John M. Brooks
John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP National Voter Registration

Enclosure
August, 1964

Name _____
Title _____

Name _____
Title _____

Name _____
Title _____

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE

THE TWO BIG EVENTS IN 1964 ARE

I. The 1964 Civil Rights Act
II. The Federal Election on November 3

The 1964 Civil Rights Act, the most far reaching law ever enacted by the U. S. Congress to ensure, protect and extend the Negro citizen's constitutional and human rights, must be strictly enforced in every Precinct, Ward, Magisterial District, County, City and Town in Virginia just as it must be enforced elsewhere in our Nation. But we know the fight our Senators, our Congressmen, our Governor and the members of the General Assembly put up to prevent the Bill from becoming law.

We are painfully aware and deeply concerned that Senator Goldwater not only voted against shutting off debate in the Senate (cloture) but also voted against the Bill itself.

As we look toward the November election, our well founded concern increases to almost outright fear. This deep concern and yes, outright fear, was increased as we witnessed the methods used by the Goldwater forces to beat down the liberal wing of the Republican Party, thus preventing the convention from adopting a strong civil rights plank in the Party's platform.

The Republican National Convention nominated Senator Goldwater who, may we remind you again, VOTED AGAINST THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL; virtually read the Negro out of the GOP in an Atlanta speech; and who proclaimed in his nomination acceptance speech "extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice." The extremist groups of which Virginia has its share, are already placing an interpretation on Goldwater's words similar to those placed on the words of the late Bilbo of Mississippi who declared: "the best way to keep the niggers from the polls is to visit them the night before the election."

We do not have a Bilbo in Virginia; therefore, Negro leadership must shoulder the blame for the following:

VIRGINIA NEXT TO MISSISSIPPI

> There is now one qualified Negro voter for every six white voters in the South.... Southern white registration is 13,600,000. Negroes account for one-fourth the voting age population in the South.... Texas showed the greatest growth in the Negro registration and Mississippi the least. The figures showed that Virginia had 27.7 per cent of its eligible Negroes registered, placing just above Mississippi and Alabama in the list of 11 Southern states.

Voter Registration work by Virginia Negroes must be waged on a 24 hour basis; seven days a week, every week, every month until November 3.

-REGISTER TODAY-

SO THAT YOUR VOTE

WILL INFLUENCE

THE

SHADOWS TOMORROW

NAACP'S CRUSADE FOR VOTERS

HANDBOOK FOR CHAIRMEN AND WORKERS

NAACP CRASH VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

In this brochure you will find a streamline version of our voter registration program. You will find the basic necessary steps for increasing the voting strength in your community. Use your good judgment and the information you have already received in various NAACP workshops and your branch program will produce new voters.

A GOOD SLOGAN FOR EVERY NEGRO ADULT

The Virginia State Conference - NAACP
301 East Clay Street, Richmond, Va.
Phone: 644-5678 or 648-2435

YOUR FIRST STEP

Appoint a NAACP voter registration chairman and committee or expand your present committee. The committee should consist of at least two representatives from your NAACP Youth Council, one person from every predominatly Negro precinct, one representative from every church and the president of every fraternal, social and civic organization in your branch community.

Call a meeting of your committee and SELL them the idea of immediately organizing a voter registration drive. DON'T JUST ASK THEM TO PARTICIPATE, MOTIVATE THEM TO ACTION, by discussing the need and urgency of increasing the Negro vote in 1964. Another good topic of discussion in this presidential election year is: "YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY POLL TAXES TO VOTE IN THE 1964 NOVEMBER FEDERAL ELECTION". DON'T LET THE DISCUSSION DRAG AND RAMBLE, KEEP IT POINTED TOWARD A COMMUNITY MEETING TO KICK OFF A NON-PARTISAN VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE. At the proper time , the chairman should be prepared to suggest tentative dates and places for the meeting.

STEP II HOW TO PLAN A COMMUNITY KICK OFF VOTER REGISTRATION MEETING

1. Set date and a centrally located meeting place.
2. Send written invitations to the churches, social, civic and fraternal organizations. These written invitations should be followed up by phone calls and personal contacts. Delegate this task to the members of the committee.
3. Send at least 150 to 300 letters of invitation to individuals in each predominate Negro precinct. This is one way of involving people who have never been asked to work with the organization.
4. Use all other media of communication: Circulars to churches, radio, press and TV announcements.

GET OUT THE VOTE IN '64

STEP III WHAT TO DO AT THE COMMUNITY MEETING

1. Have ready for distribution workers' kits, registration information precinct maps, etc.
2. Secure the name, address and phone number of every person attending the meeting. Delegate this task to two persons stationed at the entrance of the meeting place.
3. Sell the idea of voter registration and motivate the group to immediate action on planning a door-to-door voter registration campaign.
4. Divide the audience into precinct groups, i.e., all persons living in precinct 1, move to Section A, precinct 2 to Section B, etc.

   a. Instructions to the precinct groups:
      (1) Elect a Chairman
      (2) Elect a Secretary
      (3) Write the name, address and phone number of everyone in your group.
      (4) In twenty minutes, be prepared to give a report on how your group will increase the voting strength in your precinct, including the date and time you will meet in your area to knock on every door.

RE-ASSEMBLE THE GROUP AND RECEIVE REPORTS

1. Give suggestions and praise to each group making reports.
2. Instruct the group on the aid and material they can expect to receive from the NAACP, i.e., circulars, workers' sheets, report sheets, speakers' bureau, auto pool, prizes, etc.
3. Set weekly dates for report meetings.
4. Delegate one member of the NAACP Voter Registration Committee to be the liaison person and counselor to each precinct leader.

STEP IV VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE'S JOB

If Negro Virginians are to avoid losing the gains made through the federal courts and the 1957, 1960 and 1964 Federal Civil Rights Acts a minimum of 100,000 New Negro qualified voters must be put on the registration lists by OCTOBER 2, 1964. Your Voter Registration Committee must meet weekly between now and October 2 to evaluate and give guidance to your over-all program.

VOTER REGISTRATION TIPS

1. Urge churches and all other organizations to appoint a Voter Registration Committee to register their own members.
2. Sponsor a City and/or county-wide Citizenship Sunday during this period: July to October 2, 1964.
   On this Sunday, urge all ministers to give a sermon on Citizenship and circulate voter registration information. Samples of Citizenship Sermons may be obtained from our Church Secretary, Rev. Edward J. Odom, 20 West 40th Street, New York 18, New York. or from
   Dr. John B. Henderson, Chairman, Church Coordinating Committee, Virginia State Conference-NAACP, 301 East Clay St. Richmond, Virginia 23219.
3. Precinct Projects for Organizations - Assign organizations to work with precinct units. Make it competitive.
4. Use NAACP Youth Council members as a voter registration task force, especially in precincts that are slow in showing progress.

MUST LITERATURE

5. Distribute leaflets that tell the following:
   1. Name of General or Precinct Registrar(s)
   2. Address of Registrar's Office.
   3. Time office will be open (dates and hours).
   4. How to register in your community. (Go to the registrar's office and find out whether your registrar requires the Blank Sheet of paper, uses the Printed Form or a modification of the two.)

MUST INFORMATION

6. In order to know who has paid poll taxes and who is registered in your community, you must secure the following.
   1. LATEST POLL TAX BOOK (Can be secured from County or City Treasurer.)
   2. REGISTRATION LIST (Can be secured from your registrar in some communities. In other communities you have to send in several persons to the registrar's office and have them copy the list. VIRGINIA LAW SAYS: ANY CITIZEN OF A COMMUNITY CAN COPY THE LOCAL REGISTRATION LIST.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Form CR-1

CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE

I do certify that I am now and have been a resident of Virginia since the date of my registration to vote under the laws of Virginia, that I am now a resident of _____,
(city or county)

residing at _____,
(street and number, or place of residence therein)

and that it is my intention not to remove from the city or county stated herein prior to the next general election.

_____
(Signature of resident)

Witnessed:

_____

OR

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 19____.

_____
Notary Public

air mail Spec.

SEP 3 1964

WB
JM
JT

ORGANIZATIONS INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO MEETING - Saturday, September 5, 1964

VIRGINIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Dr. J. Rupert Picott, Executive Secretary
316 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Mr. A. K. Talbot, Jr., President
Bruton Heights School
Williamsburg, Virginia

Mr. H. A. Marshall, Immediate Past President
Norfolk Division, Va. State College
Norfolk, Virginia

Mrs. Louise Carter, Chairman of Citizenship
Union Kempsville School
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Candidates:
Mr. J. Shelby Guss
Bowling Green, Virginia

Mr. C. N. Bennett
Manassas, Virginia

Mr. W. C. Hill
Clifton Forge, Virginia

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF PARENTS & TEACHERS

Mr. J. Luvelle Taylor
1413 Cove Road, N. W.
Roanoke, Virginia (Home) 343-2223

Mr. Herman Hill
2415 Barton Avenue
Richmond, Virginia MI 3-3382 or MI 8-7234

Mrs. Bessie Prior
1717 Everett Street
Richmond, Virginia MI 4-9264 or (Home) BE 2-0715

Mrs. Naomi Hall
1804 North Avenue
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

301 EAST CLAY STREET

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L. Francis Griffin
President

PHONE: MIlton 4-5678 or
MIlton 8-2435

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

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Dear NAACP Branch President:

As you are aware, the Voter Registration efforts of the Virginia State Conference of Branches are constant, continuing and state-wide. From time to time, however, special attention is given to certain selected areas for the conduct of intensified projects.

In this Federal Election year, the Voter Registration Education Project of the Conference is giving serious consideration to _____ _____, for possible inclusion in an accelerated Voter Registration Project.

To further explore the possibilities of the above mentioned project, an invitation is extended to you, as President and to your Voter Registration Chairman to meet with other representatives of areas under consideration, Saturday, September 5, 1964 in the Patrick Henry Room, John Marshall Hotel, Richmond, Virginia -12 noon. We are sorry that this invitation must be limited to you, as Branch President and your Voter Registration Chairman.

Time is of the utmost importance.

Sincerely yours,

W. Lester Banks

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

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Dear Concerned Leader:

The Voter Registration Education Project of the Virginia State Conference of Branches, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in cooperation with the Voter Education Project, Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director, Atlanta, Georgia extend to you

A Cordial Invitation to attend a LUNCHEON MEETING Saturday, September 5, 1964 12 Noon — at the John Marshall Hotel

(The Patrick Henry Room)
Richmond, Virginia

As a representative of one of Virginia's responsible organizations interested in increasing the number of qualified voters in this Federal Election year, we believe the on rushing date of October 3 (the date registration books close in Virginia) commands your presence.

Very truly yours,

John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

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Mr. A. Byron Smith, Area Coordinator
Voter Registration Education Project
Virginia State Conference - NAACP
314 Fourth Street
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Byron:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation, I am enclosing my personal check in the amount of $100.00 to cover expenses incurred in your Voter Registration efforts from September 1 through September 7, 1964, with the understanding that the expenditures be itemized and submitted with receipts acknowledging payments at our conference scheduled for tomorrow evening here in Richmond.

I am pleased that the new registrations for the first week were sufficient to warrant the Roanoke election officers keeping the Registrar's office open at night.

Don't forget to make the contacts I suggested.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

WLB/pgb
Enclosure - certified check (2188) $100.00

CC: Mr. John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project.

VEP 4-46

September 9, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
Virginia State Conference
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

In reviewing our files in connection with your pending request for a grant, I note that your original proposal (which we did not receive at the time), dated July 15, 1964, requested a grant in the amount of $16,260 in support of a 16-week program. That budget would have included work in Lynchburg, Alexandria, and Portsmouth where we subsequently made direct grants. Your letter of August 19 included a revised budget for a 12-week period for the same areas and requested a grant of $12,820.

In our telephone conversation of August 24, I suggested that you review your budget to see how much of a reduction should be made since you would not be working in Lynchburg, Alexandria, or Portsmouth, and to also consider a further reduction of at least two weeks as our program cannot be retroactive. In your reply of August 26, you suggested that we not deduct anything for the three cities mentioned since you would be supplying them with materials, but you did agree that items 1 and 3 could be reduced to an amount equal to two weeks expenditures for those items. This would have reduced your budget by $1,620, leaving your request at $11,200.

I then wrote you to find out how much of this budget you planned to spend on the actual registration program which ends October 8, and I must confess that I am at a loss to understand that

part of your letter of September 4 where you state that "$12,820 is considered to be a very conservative budget for the period under consideration." This figure brings it all the way back up to the original amount.

In order that your program will not be delayed further, we have decided to make the Virginia State Conference a grant in the amount of $10,000 in support of an active voter registration program in the 21 areas described in your letter of September 4, 1964, and which we understand will begin immediately and terminate on October 3, 1964. The $1,000 which we sent you on September 1 will be charged against this grant, and I am enclosing herein our check in the amount of $4,000 to be applied toward the grant. The balance of the grant in the amount of $5,000 will be paid to you as soon as you indicate a need for it, but provided we shall have received weekly financial reporting to date at the time of your request.

We are not making a separate grant to anyone in Roanoke in line with our conversation on yesterday, and we leave it to your discretion as to whether or not you want to use the organization in that town which Mr. Byron Smith is working with.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
cc: Dr. John Morsell
Encl: $4,000 check

Rec'd 9/5/64

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W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206, 5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

As promised, this letter was started two days ago, but the convening of a group of representatives of organizations having state-wide membership affiliation caused our reply to your letter of August 29 to be a wee bit tardy.

I received in today's mail your check in the amount of $1,000, signed acknowledgment is herewith enclosed.

A total of 85 key persons have been invited to attend the September 5 meeting. It is anticipated that of the number invited, fifty will show; however, my estimate of attendance may be too low. I trust that you have received a list of the organizational representatives invited together with the two letters of invitation.

To give the group a "shot in the arm", I tried to get Clarence Mitchell to give a pep talk to the group. Clarence's schedule prevented his appearance, but Oliver W. Hill has consented to appear before the group.

The expenses of the September 5 venture can not be ascertained at this time, but I stake my "feeble" reputation on the assumption that it will pay rich dividends in the acceleration of our state-wide Voter Registration Project.

Now to comply more specifically with the suggestions and inquiries raised in your letter of August 29.

Reference is made to paragraph two of your letter. The Virginia registration books close for the November election on October 3. However, experience dictates that we should never "fatten frogs for snakes". Registration is the first big hurtle. After October 3 there needs to be presented to the "qualified voters" an unbiased record of the candidates. Further there must be a persistent educational job done to convince these qualified voters that their votes count. In summary our

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task from October 3 to November 3 is to educate the qualified voter and to get out the vote.

With reference to paragraph three of your letter of August 29, we call your attention to the attachments showing the areas to be included in the project. $12,820 is considered to be a very conservative budget for the period under consideration. In fact, were it not for the anticipated voluntary assistance (financial and man power) which experience has shown, will be forthcoming from our NAACP branch affiliates the submitted budget would be ridiculous.

Be assured that project monies allocated to the Virginia NAACP Conference Project will produce outstanding results.

Reference is made to paragraph five of your letter of August 29. Attached are area designations with accompaning map showing geographical coverage of project.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

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Attachment
Enclosure
CC: John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

12,820

September 14, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
The Virginia State Conference NAACP
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Mr. Banks:

We will expect continual progress reporting from all 21 areas of VEP grant 4-46 under your direction. In addition to the statistical reports, we will require a narrative report at the e end of the entire project from each of the 21 areas. We are sending you a copy of our suggested outline and expect that you will inform your workers of the requirements.

We would like a list of names and addresses of the local leaders working in your project.

In addition to statistical and narrative reports, any pertinent articles from local newspapers will be much appreciated. Please don't forget to instruct people to write the name of the paper and the date on each clipping.

We are not sending any of our statistical reporting forms, as the form provided by the NAACP office is suitable.

If you have any questions or comments at any time, please don't hesitate to write.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

September 19, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks, Secretary
Va. State Conference, NAACP
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Re: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

I am enclosing herein your voucher checks number 0001 through 0020. Number 0021 through 0500 are being sent via parcel post today in two separate boxes. Please make sure that these checks are used in numerical order and see that we are furnished with weekly financial reporting.

As I told you on the phone last night, I was greatly disturbed when these checks arrived from the printer on Friday as Mrs. Shortt of our staff was very positive that she had sent your voucher checks. I certainly would not have sent the $ 4,000.00 check if I had known that you did not then have voucher checks.

Now it will be necessary that we be furnished complete information regarding any expenditures made to date and if you are having to reimburse any other person or agency then please be very specific regarding the nature of the expenditure and indicate the county or area in which the program was conducted. Where you make payments for general statewide expenses then you may simply state "statewide" for the geographic description on the voucher.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB/
Encls:
VIA AIR MAIL

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W. R. Minor, President
1021 S. Rolfe St.
Arlington, Virginia

A. C. Muse, Secretary
First State Bank Bldg.
Danville, Virginia

ELK'S DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL LIBERTIES
ROLAND D. EALEY, State Director
420 NORTH FIRST STREET
RICHMOND 19, VA.

September 28, 1964

Dear Elk:

THIS IS AN EMERGENCY APPEAL!!!

As you know, Our great Order has through the years, and it still does, stands for first-class citizenship. Now is the time for us to prove to ourselves and to the world that we intend to have just that.

How do we get that long sought-after benefit?

One sure way is to register and vote. October 3, 1964, is the deadline to register in order to be able to vote in the Federal Election this coming November. Therefore, you are hereby urged to register immediately if you have not already done so and see to it that each adult in your household do likewise. Then we want you to get your neighbors to follow suit.

There is no charge or taxes to be paid to register for the Federal election.

This is a crucial election year and we can't falter now.

Fraternally yours,

Roland D. Ealey

Roland D. Ealey

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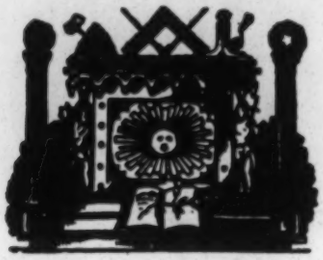

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA

Dear Brother:

The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Virginia, through its Grand officers, District Deputy Grand Masters and the officers of the subordinate Lodges has increasingly stressed the importance and necessity of every Brother and every Star in our Virginia Jurisdiction becoming a qualified voter. Progress has been made. But the cold hard truth is, we have not concerned ourselves enough - we have not taken unto our hearts that great truth "We Are Our Brother's Keeper".

Our support over the years to the NAACP has helped to tear down most of the barriers erected to keep the Negro from voting freely in Virginia. In 1964, Negro Virginians face their greatest challenge and by the same token, are presented with their greatest opportunity - Every Negro in Virginia, this year can vote in the November 3 Federal Election without paying a Poll Tax. All that is required is to meet the easy registration requirements before the registration books close on October 3.

We therefore, decree that every brother upon receipt of this communication, make certain that every adult member of his household qualify for voting in the November 3 Federal Election by meeting all registration requirements by October 3, 1964. Further, each brother will be personally responsible for reaching out into his community and taking just TWO fellow Negroes by the hand and walk with the TWO to the Registrar's office.

Our Voter Registration efforts are a part of a state-wide program being spearheaded by the Voter Registration Education Project of the Virginia State Conference, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Please read the reverse side of this letter for additional reasons why our great fraternal brotherhood must meet this challenge.

Fraternally yours,

E. S. Brown
E. S. Brown
M. W. Grand Master

Charles H. Harris
Charles H. Harris, Acting
R. W. Grand Secretary

M. C. Martin
M. C. Martin
R. W. Grand Treasurer

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Brothers

"YOUR FUTURE RESTS... IN YOUR HANDS!"

WORDS WITH DEEDS,

BELIEFS WITH ACTIONS,

AND

FAITH WITH WORKS

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Because

- WE KNOW THE VOTING RECORDS OF OUR VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION ON MATTERS AFFECTING CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE BETTERMENT OF THE WELFARE OF OUR NEGRO CITIZENS.

- WE HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ANTI-NEGRO, ANTI-CIVIL RIGHTS, ANTI-U.S. SUPREME COURT POSITIONS TAKEN BY OUR VIRGINIA CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

- WE AGREE WITH THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WHEN SPEAKING ON THE RIGHT TO VOTE DECLARED: "The right to vote in a free American election is the most powerful and precious right in the world-and it must not be denied on the grounds of race or color. It is a potent key to achieving other rights of citizenship. For American history-both recent and past-clearly reveals that the power of the ballot has enabled those who achieve it to win other achievements as well, to gain a full voice in the affairs of their state and nation, and to see their interest represented in the governmental bodies which affect their future. In a free society, those with the power to govern are necessarily responsive to those with the right to vote."

- WE KNOW THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN NEGRO WILL BE INFLUENCED BY WHAT WE DO IN VOTER REGISTRATION NOT NEXT YEAR, BUT BEFORE OCTOBER 3.

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W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

September 25, 1964

TO: All NAACP Branch Officers

FROM: W. Lester Banks, Executive Secretary, and
S. W. Tucker, Chairman, Legal Staff

RE: U. S. District Court Ruling of September 25, 1964

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Voter Registration Education Project Workers

Under a ruling of the U. S. District Court, Judge John D. Butzner presiding, the blank paper voter registration requirement is OUT (ruled unconstitutional.)

If we work hard and fast, we can roll up an unprecedented number of Negro registered voters before the October 3 deadline.

Give each person desiring to register one of the enclosed forms, with carbon paper and a blank sheet of paper. Applicant will fill out the form in the presence of Registrar. Applicant will leave the top (printed) form with the Registrar, whether he wants to take it or not, and give the carbon copy to a voter registration worker.

Worker will make sure that the chairman of your county/city Voter Registration program receives all carbon copies of registration forms.

Report promptly any trouble to your State NAACP office.

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Under a ruling of the U. S. District Court of September 25, 1964, the blank paper voter registration is OUT. Take this form to the registrar, fill it out in his presence, leave the top one with the registrar whether he wants to take it or not. Give the carbon copy to your Voter Registration Committee worker. Answer the registrar's questions if he asks any. Sign the oath if he lets you.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

I hereby make application to be registered to vote in federal elections

in _____ Precinct

Name: _____

Age: _____

Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Residence: _____

Residence for the
one year next
preceding: _____

Occupation: _____

Occupation for the
one year next
preceding: _____

Whether applicant has previously voted: _____

If so, the State, county
and precinct in which
applicant voted last:

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Rec'd Secretary 9/29/64

NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 3rd to Sept. 12 1964

Person reporting Charles B. Higgins

Rt. 1, Box 153 — Capron, — Southampton — Virginia
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted Sept. 22nd 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Southampton County except Franklin City Dist.
Ward, Beat, Etc. — Precinct, Election District, Etc.

Number contacted by door-to door canvass 800

Number instructed at home 400

Number instructed at clinics 150

Number instructed other places 1000 a. Specify places Churches during revival services

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 80

Number successfully registered by this project this week 71

Number denied registration in this project this week 9

a. Reason for denial Poor Vision, too slow, poor Writing Lack of Understanding of the tricky reading.

Number contacted by other means 600

a. Specify means Group Workers, gatherings, meetings and socials

Number refusing to participate 25

a. Reason for refusing to participate Unable to read and Write

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 439

Number of workers in this campaign 16

Remarks

We are hoping to register many more during the next remaining days.

C.B.H.

Reports must be sent weekly. Note: Attach narrative report to this.

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Virginia State Conference

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

301 EAST CLAY STREET
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

L. Francis Griffin
President

PHONE: MIlton 4-5678 or
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W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

SEP 29 1964

Recorded

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Roon 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

After talking to your field representative this morning, I discovered that the financial reports were not mailed to you, as promised on last Friday. They were held up for the signature of the Financial Chairman, H. V. Henley, who incidently is Vice President of Consolidated Bank & Trust Company.

Enclosed are ledger sheets, check and statement copies, samples of some of the materials sent on a cooperative basis to 50,000 Negro Virginians and typical report of work being done.

given to JM

Detailed reports from each area of operation to follow.

Total amount deposited to date.....	$ 5,000.00
Total amount paid out to date	3,450.77
Outstanding obligations	$ 1,244.87

Very truly yours,

Lester

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures

September 28, 1964

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Friday - Saturday - Sunday - October 16, 17, 18, 1964
"Completing the Unfinished Business of Emancipation"

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Citizens who were left standing in registration lines on Saturday, October 3, 1964.

FROM: NAACP Voter Registration Committee
301 E. Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia
Telephone 644-5678

The enclosed forms may be used to appeal from the denial of your right to vote.

(1) Print your full name on the blank line near the top.

(2) Sign your name and print your street address on the blank lines at the bottom.

(3) Mail two copies to the Clerk of the Hustings Court in the enclosed envelope.

(4) Keep one copy for yourself.

(5) Be sure that the Clerk of the Court will receive the two copies before 4:00 P. M., October 13, 1964.

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE HUSTINGS COURT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

_____, Petitioner

vs.

VERNON DAVIS
General Registrar for the City of Richmond — Respondent

PETITION TO HAVE RIGHT TO REGISTER DETERMINED

The petitioner appeals from the action of the respondent registrar of voters by which the petitioner was denied registration to vote in the federal election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1964.

On the 3rd day of October, 1964, the petitioner was at one of the places which had been designated as a place where on that day the registrar or his assistant would proceed to register the names of all qualified voters within his jurisdictional area who had not previously registered and who would then and there apply to be registered, and while the petitioner was there in line, orderly awaiting his turn to make application for registration in the presence of the registrar or his assistant as required by law, the respondent did on that day bar petitioner from access to the office or to the presence of the registrar or his assistant, and thus the respondent did prevent the petitioner from making an application for registration and from being registered to vote.

The petitioner is a citizen of the United States and has the requisite qualifications of age and residence to vote in said election in the jurisdictional area of the respondent and has not previously registered to vote.

WHEREFORE the petitioner prays that the court will determine the right of the petitioner to be registered and will require that the petitioner be registered and be permitted to vote in the said election.

_____, Petitioner

_____ Street

Richmond, Virginia

STOP TALKING - START VOTING

REGISTER & VOTE

IF YOU DON'T VOTE - DON'T SQUAWK!

Stop Talking - Start Voting

REGISTER

And

VOTE

If You Don't Vote - Don't Complain

If You Are 21 Years Of Age
Or Older
And Have Not Registered To Vote -
You Have Only
Yourself To Blame For Being
A SECOND CLASS CITIZEN

REGISTER TODAY!

RETURN AFTER 5 DAYS

To:

THE CLERK OF HUSTINGS COURT

City of Richmond

Richmond, Virginia

October 5, 1964

Mr. A. Byron Smith
314 4th Street
Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Mr. Smith:

After many miles of safe travel, I am back in the office doing paper work.

It was a meaningful experience to be in Roanoke last week and witness such dedication and enthusiasm as was exhibited by you and your staff of voter registration workers. Each of you should feel justly proud to take part in something that could very well go in the historical annuls as the greatest concerted effort of Negroes in America. We are all playing a part, regardless how large or small.

The Roanoke project is fortunate to have a coordinator of your experience and drive. With such leadership, I feel success is imminent throughout your area.

Please feel free to request my help whenever I can be of service.

Sincerely,

Joe L. Tucker
Field Representative

JT:bs

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October 19, 1964

Mr. Julian Carper, Vice President
Va. State AFL-CIO
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Julian,

Enclosed is the expense account report and receipts for funds in the amount of five hundred dollars ($500.00) that we received from you for our voter registration drive here in Roanoke. This report covers expenses incurred during the Better Government Committee's visit to Roanoke.

These young men were well received in Roanoke, however we are of the opinion that most of the work had been done before their arrival, and a great deal of organization was not necessary. We feel that personal contact, out in the community by these young men would have been quite fruitful. We realize that the deadline was near at the time of their visit in Roanoke and perhaps if we could have had them at an earlier date, their efforts might have been more productive.

I must say that the young men were dedicated and conscientious in their efforts, and with more time I feel sure that they could have accompolished a record number of new voters.

Very truly yours,

Byron

ABS:cw

Enclosures

October 19, 1964

Expense account report, on Voter Registration Drive for period of September 25, 1964 to September 29, 1964, during the Better Government Committee's visit to Roanoke, Virginia.

Staff Salary: Five (5) workers----------$225.00
@ $15.00 per day, for three (3) days.
Much of the staff's time was used for organization in five distinct areas; transporation, office workers, canvassers, community organizations, and freedom school. Due to the time element the freedom school was not fully initiated. Transporation committee was most funcuntional.

Transporation fee for staff workers:---------- 10.00
to cover cost of transporation to campus upon arrival in Baltimore, Maryland.

Room and board for five (5) workers:---------- 140.00
while in Roanoke, Va. @ $7.00 per day for four (4) days. An extra day of expense for the staff was incurred due to the fact that the airport was closed because of bad weather, on the scheduled day of departure, thus the additional room and board fee, no additional salary was paid.

Snacks, refreshments and lunch for:---------- 27.27
staff and workers.

Transporation for staff workers while:---------- 138.40
in Roanoke for four (4) days. fee for use of four (4) automobiles @ $30.00 each, three (3) purchases of gas for other cars used in drive, total gas $18.40.

Telephone calls made to Better ---------- 5.00
Government Committee, Director before their arrival in Roanoke,

Expense account report, on Voter Registration--continued

Total expenses paid----------$545.67

The duties of the Area Coordinator consisted of, securing suitable lodging and boarding facilities for the staff members, supplying contacts for local organizations, Churches and other groups, supervise the overall operation, and serving as general go between at the Registrar's office and prospective new registered voters.

Enumeration for the Area Coordinator and one paid worker came as a result of funds from the NAACP and the V.E.P. Had it not been for funds from these two organizations, $500.00 would not have been enough to carry on this voter registeration drive, and most certainly we would not have had the success in getting as many people registered.

Respectfully submitted:

A. Byron Smith,
Area Coordinator
Voter Registration Drive

CC to: W. Lester Banks, Executive Secretary, NAACP

Joe Louis Tucker, Field Representative, VEP

TO THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF HALIFAX COUNTY October_____,1964
Halifax, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Please send me a certified copy of the literacy test which was administered to me on October_____,1964, as part of my registration as a voter. The copy of the test and my answers thereto should be sent to me at the address indicated below.

This request is made pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Title I, Section 101 (2) (C) (ii) of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Your attention to this request is appreciated.

Refer to secretary
Fred

Sincerely,

_____
sign your name here

_____
print your name here

_____
Precinct

_____
Address at which you receive your mail - (print)

_____
print name of your town

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Remarks

A LETTER TO NEGRO RESIDENTS OF HALIFAX COUNTY:

DO YOU WANT...

* Hunger?
* Poor Homes?
* Poor Schools?
* Second-Class Treatment?
* Poor Jobs – Long Work Hours – Low Wages?
* Injustices From Police and Courts?

If You Want THE BAD THINGS OF LIFE — Don't REGISTER And Don't VOTE

BUT, IF YOU WANT...

* Freedom - Dignity
* Good Homes
* Plenty Of Food
* Good Jobs, Short Work Hours, Good Pay
* Good Schools And Hospitals
* Justice From Police And Courts
* First - Class Citizenship

AND ALL THE OTHER GOOD THINGS OF LIFE

REGISTER IN YOUR PRECINCT ON OCT. 10, or OCT. 17, or OCT. 24.

Vote In Your Precinct on Nov. 3

Don't Listen To "Mr. Charlie" and "Uncle Tom" — It's Easy To Register and Vote.

Stand Up For Freedom!

HALIFAX VOTERS MOVEMENT

FREEDOM: YOURS BY RIGHT

*** Liberty & Dignity * Good Jobs-Good Pay * Excellent Schools & Hospitals * Good Homes**
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It Has Done Many, Many Important Things – And It Will Do Many More

Halifax County has a total population of 59,000 people — 26,000 of these are white and 33,0000 are Negro. There are probably about 10,000 actual white voters in Halifax County. (The registration books list almost 16,000 white voters — but a great many of these are either dead or have moved away.) We estimate that there are now 3,600 Negro voters in Halifax County.

The major task of the Halifax Voters Movement is to see that every qualified Negro in Halifax County registers and then votes.

During the last registration campaign, in the spring, the Halifax Voters Movement conducted over 100 mass meetings and voter registration classes throughout the County and distributed over 100,000 pieces of literature.

Much more than that is being done in order to have a very large registration for this next registration period — which is coming right up in October.

In preparation for the October registration period, the Halifax Voters Movement is now once again conducting mass meetings and voter registration classes in every section of Halifax County: Butterwood, Conoconnara, Enfield, Faucetts, Glenview, Halifax, Hobgood, Hollister, Littleton, Palmyra, Roanoke Rapids, Scotland Neck, and Weldon. These meetings — beginning in August — will last through the November 3 general election. They are open to the public at no charge.

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Signed this .... day of ...., 19..

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Signature of Applicant

....
Race Age Place of Birth

.....
Address

.....
Registrar

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The Halifax Voters Movement Asks—

The Halifax Voters Movement asks everyone to come to these meetings — and to bring friends.

Ask your local leaders of the Halifax Voters Movement where and when the important meetings, are scheduled for your area — and then come to those meetings and bring others with you.

If you are not registered, then register in October — Vote November 3 — and help get others to register and vote.

The Halifax Voters Movement supports you: youth and adult, rich and poor, town man and farmer, sharecropper and teacher, clergyman and businessman — This is your fight — We will all win together!

Come To The Meetings And Registration Classes

IT ONLY TAKES A FEW MINUTES TO REGISTER — BUT WHEN YOU REGISTER YOU QUICKLY TRAVEL MANY MILES CLOSER TO REAL FREEDOM FOR YOURSELF AND FOR YOUR CHILDREN!

Big New Office!

A big civil rights field office has been opened in Enfield — in order to serve the needs and the wishes of the people all over Halifax County.

Location: 414 McDaniel Street — Just above Powell's Garage on Highway 301 and right across from the Royal Cafe

Telephone: 445-6691 (Listed under the name of Halifax Voters Movement and Southern Conference Educational Fund.)

COME IN ANYTIME! YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

REMEMBER THE 3 BIG REGISTRATION SATURDAYS: OCT. 10, OCT. 17, OCT. 24
ONE MAN EQUALS ONE VOTE

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VOTER REGISTRATION EDUCATION PROJECT
of the
Virginia State Conference-NAACP

There follows a listing of the twenty-one areas included in the Conference's Voter Registration Education Project with attached geographical references.

Area 1	Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier Counties	Mrs. Dorie Hunt, Upperville, Va. — Wm. Jackson, Middleburg, Va. — James P. Howell, Rt. 1 Box 135, Woodbridge
Area 2	City of Alexandria	Jim Dugan, 423 Queen St. — Alexandria
Area 3	City of Fredericksburg and Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George and Caroline Counties	B.T. Johnson, Box 86, Fredericksburg
Area 4	City of Staunton and Augusta and Rockingham Counties	Mrs. Bertie Hoggard, 409 Dorchester, Staunton, Va.
Area 5	City of Charlottesville and Albermarle County	Mrs. Drewry Brown, 1201 Rodgers St., Charlottesville
Area 6	City of Roanoke and Roanoke County	A. Byron Smith
Area 7	Cumberland and Buckingham Counties	Allen Gooden, Rt. 1 Box 44, Buckingham, Va. — Mrs. Bernetta West, Rt. 3 Box 163, Cumberland
Area 8	Hanover County	Ralph Anderson, Rt. 2, Ashland, Va.
Area 9	Powhatan County	Paul Bell, Rt. 1, Powhatan
Area 10	Prince Edward County	Rev. L. Francis Griffin, Box 464, Farmville
Area 11	Dinwiddie County	A.G. Edwards, Dinwiddie
Area 12	Sussex County	Joseph P. Newson, Jr., RFD 4-4, Waverly, Va.
Area 13	Southampton County	Charles B. Higgins, Rt. 1 Box 153, Capron, Va.
Area 14	Surry County	Salon Worden, Rt. 3 Box 17, Spring Grove
Area 15	Mecklenburg County	Mrs. Julia E. Tucker, 111 East Atlantic, Emporia
Area 16	City of South Boston and Halifax County	J.A. Coleman, RFD Halifax, Va.

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Area 17	City of Danville -	Mrs. Doyle Thomas 352 Rose St Danville
Area 18	Pittsylvania County _	Irvin Burton, Rt. 360 Danville, VA.
Area 19 - Charles E. Brown Box 471 Yorktown	City of Williamsburg and York, James City, New Kent and Charles City Counties.	
Area 20 - John Wallis Gordon Rt. 224 - SAHODA	Middlesex County	
Area 21	Accomac County _	Ernest P. Beckett ACCOMAC, VA.

Rec'd 11/20/64 WD/JM

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TO: All Area Coordinators
Voter Registration Education Project
Virginia State Conference-NAACP

FROM: W. Lester Banks, Executive Secretary
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RE: REGISTRATION REPORT

Please furnish by return mail the following:

(1) Registration Report for period September 22 - October 3, 1964.

(2) Summary of registrations effected for period September 1 - October 3.

(3) Roster of persons, (if any) who presented themselves on October 3, and were denied registration by registrar(s).

After submission of the above requested information, prepare for submission a narrative report of your voter registration activities which will include techniques employed in your Voter Registration Education Project efforts; difficulties encountered, if any; and proposed plans to "MAKE EVERY VOTE COUNT ON NOVEMBER 3," - the General Election Day.

Thank you.

WLBanks/pgb

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BRANCH PARTICIPATING COMMITTEE ..... Rev. F. J. Boddie, Jr.

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USHER COMMITTEE ..... Rev. Vernon Harris

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Dear

Enclosed is the Conference's Voter Education Project check in the amount of $70.00 representing payment for two week period September 22 - October 5, 1964.

We take this opportunity to thank you and the scores of volunteer workers of your Area for the outstanding job accomplished in Voter Registration. Your efforts were favorably reflected in the November 3 election results.

If you have not submitted your narrative summary report, please do so, as the report is a vital part of the project.

With the 1965 state and local elections facing us, it is hoped that your energies will now be translated into a dynamic Poll Tax Registration Drive in your area.

Again with deep appreciation, we are

Very truly yours,

W. Lester Banks

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TO: Area Coordinators, Virginia State Conference-NAACP
Voter Education Project

FROM: W. Lester Banks, Executive Secretary
Virginia State Conference-NAACP

RE: Summary Narrative Report

ATTENTION: Area Coordinator

Reference is made to our letter dated November 4, 1964. As we pointed out in the third (3) paragraph of the referred to letter, a Summary Narrative Report of the area covered giving an over-view of the historical political background, the problems faced in advancing a Voter Registration program (from the power structure as well as the Negro community), the techniques employed in the conduct of your Voter Registration drive and the results obtained by voting precincts, is a vital part of the NAACP Voter Education Project.

To give you an idea of what such a Summary Narrative Report should encompass, we submit for your study and guidance a copy of Mr. Dugan's report for the period. Mr. Dugan was Area Coordinator for the City of Alexandria.

Please include any newspaper clippings of either news stories or editorial comment relative to the increase in Negro registered voters and the November 3 election results.

Your very prompt reply will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

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VEP 4-46

Alexandria Branch-NAACP
Summary Report of Voter Education Project

Tactics

We were firmly convinced that the best results were to be attained by door to door canvassing. We have, however, experimented with telephone canvassing and the neighborhood mass meeting as ways to reach the potential registrants. One evening we also experimented with a "delivery of groceries and registrants" program, in which we provided transportation from a supermarket in return for a voter registration.

Areas Covered

Alexandria has several Negro neighborhoods in the traditional sense, several "transtional neighborhoods," and some "integrated" neighborhoods. Working with a small staff, we selected three Negro neighborhoods as prime targets. Two of these were ARHA projects (redevelopment projects for low income families.) One was a low income private housing area adjacent to several middle income streets. We included the middle income streets as well.

As our secondary target we selected Duke Street and "Southside."

Timing

The ARHA projects were canvassed door to door three times. Additional spot canvasses were made during the final weeks to provide transportation. The Buchanan Street neighborhood was canvassed four times and followed up with a high pressure "the car is waiting" campaign by a cooperative NAACP - COPE - CORE effort. These campaigns were conducted in July, August and early September. Our formal VEP reports do not reflect the full meaning of these campaigns.

Duke Street and Southside were taken on in the last three weeks of the campaign. Only one canvass of this area was completed, but we had transportation workers keeping appointments for three weeks.

Because our entire canvassing staff held full time jobs, canvassing was limited to evenings and weekends. During the last five weeks of the campaign, canvassing was directed toward making appointments to carry persons to the registrar's office, since during these weeks the office was open Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

During the last three weeks of the campaign we cooperated with Northern Virginia CORE (two workers) and members of the National Student Association from Trinity College and Dumbarton College (fifteen workers on Sundays).

Voter Education, Alexandria (cont.)

During the entire campaign we cooperated with a program at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Publicity Activities.

Early in the campaign (July) letters inviting church participation were sent out. Two churches responded, but only one (Ebenezer) carried the program to completion. Since our staff was quite limited, much of the responsibility for the failure of this program rests with our inability to follow through.

Attorney A. Melvin Miller developed a fan and bumper sticker for publicity, and, together with several others, obtained the financing for these devices from the 10th District VEP. He also obtained flyers developed by the 10th District VEP. We distributed this material.

Raymond Jones obtained miscellaneous voter education material from COPE (ALF-CIO). Some of this material was used by our workers, especially the "One Vote Counts" pamphlet, which provided good talking material.

Strong publicity support came from the Virginia State Conference-NAACP, and from the NAACP Voter Registration Staff. Especially useful were flyers and a pamphlet especially directed to the Alexandria area. The NAACP State Conference and Mr. Brooks also sent letters to persons associated with previous voter registration drives in the city.

Working materials - such as survey sheets, sample registration forms, and pledge sheets - were supplied by the Virginia State Conference-NAACP.

Sound equipment was employed to broadcast voter registration information. Initially this equipment was rented by the Alexandria Branch. Later, material was borrowed.

Letters were sent during the last part of the campaign to remind persons of appointments to register. We wish that we had used this device throughout the campaign. (The tactic was borrowed from the Arlington VEP group, which used postcards.)

Radio spot announcments were obtained for October 2 and 3.

Canvassing Tactics

We had a predominatly white canvassing group. Early in the campaign, when we often worked with very few canvassers, we discovered that we were often being avoided by potential registrants. We were being taken for bill collectors or insurance salesmen (or worse).

Voter Education, Alexandria (cont.)

We overcame the bill collector image by carrying identification folders and working in groups. Our entire staff would work small areas at a time and go on to the next areas as a group. In this way we created the image of an invasion force - an image not compatible with the bill collector image. The invasion force image also stirred curiousity, and passers by often came into a neighborhood to find out what we were doing.

I remember one such passerby well. I was done with my houses, and was waiting for the group to reassemble. An inebriated elderly man came up to me and asked - with genuine curiosity - what we were selling. He didn't really believe me. On one other occasion I met a bill collector who wanted to know what company I worked for. He appeared genuinely shocked when I told him what I was doing.

One advantage of the invasion force method is the ease with which you can keep track of the neighborhoods you have canvassed. Another advantage is the improvement of worker morale. A worker who could barely cover one project court alone in one evening realizes that, working with the group, he can cover many courts and take pride in the group's results. People are not encouraged when they get no more than five or six results. But when a group of ten gets fifty or sixty they take great pride in the activity. I am still trying to understand why this is so.

Sales Gimmicks

Voter registration work may involve voter education, but more often it involves salesmanship. Even the poorest homes we have visited have televisions or radios, and the basic issues of current politics are know. In fact, persons who believe that the "Negro vote" is controlled by Civil Rights alone are sadly mistaken. The issues most often discussed by elderly people were social security and Medicare. Young people were surprisingly interested in peace nuclear policy as issues. People of all ages were interested in discussing the character of the candidates. We did not usually have to raise issues, we had to sell people on the idea of doing something about them.

Once each worker was familiar with the elementary facts of the new registration procedure, he was encouraged to develop his own sales gimmicks. The most successful gimmicks were those that aimed at apathy. One of the candidates for President provided much sales material of this kind. The mere mention of his name probably brought out 100 voters in Alexandria. Some of the best gimmicks were highly original, however.

Donald Owens attempted to find a sensitive nerve in his interviews. He usually began with a shotgun presentation of a variety of issues, national and loca. Because of his youth

Voter Education, Alexandria (cont.)

he was able to give special meaning to some of them. (He had just graduated from high school.) My favorite of the many issues he tried on people was the use he made of recent Virginia events. Donald is young enough to give things his own slant: "Here it is ten years after the Supreme Court decision, and most of my friends are still going to inferior segregated schools."

Ken Haase (white) has a gimmick that usually got a good reaction: "Don't you want your children to have the same opportunities mine will have?"

On two canvasses he took his five year old boy with him.

Problems with Registration Applicants.

Our most serious problem, next to ignorance, apathy and fear, was the problem of literacy; as salesmen we could often overcome the first three problems, but we were not prepared to overcome the problem of illiteracy. We have uncovered a serious problem within our city; one which requires community effort.

Approximately 10% of those we carried down to apply were refused for difficulty with the form. Others--perhaps another 10%--admitted to "not much education" or, rarely, they admitted to illiteracy. The Census Bureau estimates 2,500 functionally illiterate adults in Alexandria. While there are two programs in the city aimed at them. I have been advised that the majority of illiterates are still untouched by the programs.

Incidentally, the one liberal attribute I can attribute to our registrar, Mr. Pettit, is his leniency with these literacy cases and his decency in dealing with the people involved. Both attributes may have derived in part from the presence of key workers whenever we expected trouble.

While the NAACP has seldom taken interest in such cases, and while I am in no sense a lawyer, I cannot help protesting what I regard as an injustice that has deprived at least ten persons from voting this year. I want to give a case.

Mr. X was neatly dressed to keep his appointment. He is a member in good standing in his church, he speaks well, and, so far as I could tell by outward appearance he takes good care of his family. He was refused the right to register under Section 24-18 of the Code of Virginia. Ten years ago he served thirty days for felonious assault!

I should think that Mr. X has, in the thirty days served (together with any parole period), "paid his debt." I should

Voter Education, Alexandria (cont.)

think that stigmatizing a person for such an event in his life is more inclined to support recidivisism than reform. And without any legal background, I suspect that Mr. X is being denied rights that are his, surely.

Attorney Miller will help Mr. X get "a pardon", but the idea of getting a dispensation at this time disturbes me.

Problem Areas

There are three major problem areas that affected our program, but these areas will affect any program in Alexandria. I propose to make them the subject of a confidential memorandum in the future, and will only give a general picture at this time. They are:

1. The interlocking disectorates of Negro organizations in Alexandria; every club, civic organization, and XYZ is entitled to a representative on every other such thing. To complicate matters, the same people are always affected. Hence, as in corporations with interlocking directorates, there is much show but little actual competition.

2. Paradoxically (see item 1), there is next to no cooperation between the effective Negro organizations in the city. This derives from the fact that, like all interlocking directorate setups, the territory has been divided. The NAACP can do so and so (and, apparently, only so and so), the Durant Civic Association so and so, and so forth. Hence, organizations do not work together any more than they work in competition.

3. There is terrible personal rivalry among the directors of the interlocking directorate. The author has observed only the personal rivalry at first hand, since he is only on one of the directorates. He has, however, gotten so many divergent reports as to be sure that something must be done about the results of the rivalry. Much of this rivalry has affected our program.

Specifically, the three major problems of Alexandria Negro leadership - and they are leadership problems - have affected the drive in the following areas:

(a) Because of the interlocking directorate, there is no "ordinary man" organization in the city. We have many leaders but no persons being led. Hence, when our drive decided to contact the ordinary people, we had no grass roots contacts.

(b) Personal rivalry has resulted in much backsliding by "Negro leaders." The Hootenanny may have been a statistical success, but it did not receive the support of organizations represented as sponsors because of personal antipathies.

Voter Education, Alexandria (cont.)

(c) Personal rivalry, complicated because money was involved, led to the formation of another "group" late in our campaign. The material developed by Miller (and Miller alone) was paid for by VEP (SRC) through what Ira Leshner regards as a rival group working in Alexandria voter registration. Actually the group was formed to get money to pay for the publicity materials distributed by us but billed to Miller for the Durant. This is of some importance to the NAACP, since Mr. Leshner is filing the VEP reports for the 10th District (not for CORE). He apparently believes that there is another group here (headed by Marion Johnson) and that we are rivals.

Not having participated in the Durant meeting that led to this fiasco, I can only hope that SRC continues to pursue its devotion to fact, and determines what is going on here. The "rival group" does not really exist as a group, but as a part of the directorate hoping to get outsiders to pay for commitments made by one of their groups. I understand that VEP had paid the bills.

Incidentally, Leshner is a first rate person, and is not being fooled. I look forward to getting to know him.

(d) There are some NAACP leaders from other branches adding to the "dissipation of energy through rivalry" program.

Because of these considerations, we had to seek our own workers and our own leaders. Because we did seek them, the city will probably never be the same again. Some ordinary people are coming into the NAACP. Tonight I attended an NAACP meeting with an outstanding worker previously devoted to CORE, but now joining us for the Alexandria NAACP. While he is yet to be respected by members of our Board, I respect the bootlegger who joined us in canvassing, and hope to see him with us again. I also hope to see those who have registered produce their own leaders, and thereby throw off those who hold titles but do little.

Jim Dugan, Area Coordinator
City of Alexandria

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December 5, 1964

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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A group of civil rights leaders, meeting in Richmond, today announced the formation of a state-wide political organization.

The organization, tentatively called the "Crusade for Voters Committee of Virginia," is intended to work for the solidarity of the Negro vote in Virginia and to secure the best value to the Negro for his vote. Participants in the meeting represented each Congressional District of Virginia.

The group intends to provide a state-wide organization to disseminate information among those working on behalf of Negro political activity in Virginia. The organization intends to endorse or oppose candidates and positions on issues where the interests of the Negroes throughout Virginia are affected. On these issues, it hopes to prevent the exploitation, fragmenting, or splintering of the Negro vote in Virginia, and to encourage Negro participation in political parties. It will also encourage the candidacy of those favorable to the Negro cause.

By agreement of those participating, a slate of interim officers and representatives from each Congressional District in Virginia was appointed. It will be the function of this interim group to coordinate existing organizations within each Congressional District, in order that a standing slate of officers

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and an executive board can be selected. The organization plans to hold a state-wide convention within the coming year, and elect a slate of officers.

THE IMTERIM OFFICERS ARE:

Chairman - Dr. William Thornton
Vice Chairman - Rev. L. Francis Griffin
Suffrage - John M. Brooks
Political Action - W. Lester Banks
Legal Adviser - Henry L. Marsh
Treasurer - David E. Longley
Secretary - Miss Alvis Mealy
Research Chairman - Dr. Franklyn Gayles
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CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

REPRESENTATIVES	CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Charles Brown	1st
Ernest Beckett	1st Eastern Shore
Rev. J. B. Henderson	2nd
Rev. Wendell Russell	3rd
David Gunter	4th
Charles Harris	5th
M. W. Thornhill	6th
Mrs. Bertie Haggard	7th
Dr. Philip Wyatt	8th
Jim Dugan	10 th

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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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Redistricting Laws Enacted; City, Henrico Share 8 Seats

Richmond Times-Dispatch, Wed., Dec. 2, 1964

Assembly Session May End Today

The Virginia General Assembly virtually completed its necessary self-redistricting chores yesterday and moved toward probable adjournment of its extra session late today.

Large majorities in both houses enacted the Senate and House redistricting bills with only small revisions in the original versions recommended by the two Privileges and Elections Committees.

The main revision would give Richmond and Henrico county together eight floater delegates, instead of the six floaters and two for Henrico-only first proposed by the House committee.

Only Governor Harrison's signature, expected to be applied today, is needed to complete the conversion of bills into laws. As non-emergency acts, however, they won't take effect until 90 days have passed.

Net Effect of Changes

In net effect, the two bills shift three Senate and eight House seats to urban areas of northern and Tidewater Virginia from lightly-populated rural districts elsewhere.

The House passed its bill by 74 to 22, then approved the Senate measure by 69 to 20. Each bill cleared the Senate by vote of 34 to 5.

One "must" measure remains on the agenda for action—a Senate bill enabling the Governor to call a special election next year for all 40 Senate seats if and when the Supreme Court confirms that the senators must be elected in 1965.

Several other bills and joint resolutions are expected to come up for action.

The House convenes at 10 a.m. today, the Senate at 10:30.

House

By James Latimer

An effort to provide separate delegations for Richmond and Henrico failed on the floor of the House of Delegates yesterday shortly before the House passed its self-redistricting bill by a vote of 74 to 22.

The House made only minor changes in the redistricting plan announced last week by its Privileges and Elections Committee to shift eight delegates from rural to urban areas.

One of these changes leaves Richmond and Henrico together in a floater district with eight delegates to be shared and none for either locality exclusively. The original plan called for six floater delegates and gave Henrico two of its own.

Leaves Total Unchanged

In net effect, therefore, the House bill takes away Henrico's present one delegate and leaves the present city-county floater total unchanged at eight. Chesterfield-Colonial Heights gains one delegate for a new total of two.

In an effort to comply with the United States Supreme Court mandate for substantially equal representation based on population, the House bill shifts five delegates to Northern Virginia and three to Hampton Roads communities.

The fast-growing Fairfax county district doubles its House strength from three to six, Arlington increases from three to four, and a new Fairfax - Falls Church - Alexandria floater delegate is added.

Norfolk, Hampton and Portsmouth gain one delegate each.

Several Changes

To balance these increases, House seats were taken away from lightly-populated rural districts in the Shenandoah Valley, Southside and Southwest Virginia.

All efforts to change the committee-approved pattern failed on the House floor except one, which rejected a proposed Tazewell-Smyth floater district and gave each county one delegate to itself.

The committee itself, however, made several changes in a private session yesterday morning.

These included the all-floater Richmond - Henrico arrangement. Others would restore the present Hanover-King William district, the present Caroline-King George-Essex-King and Queen district, and add New Kent and Charles City to the present Gloucester - Mathews-Middlesex district of Del. John Warren Cooke.

Del. Cooke, as House majority floor leader and Privileges and Elections Committee chairman, served as chief floor manager for the House bill.

Cooke told the House his committee had labored for three weeks in trying to meet the equal-population rule laid down by the federal courts. He urged the House to stand by the committee plan and reject all floor amendments.

Only a few faint "no's" were heard on the voice vote by which House members adopted all the committee amendments. Then debate started on other proposed changes.

Five for Richmond

The biggest flurry developed over an amendment by Henrico Del. T. Dix Sutton and Richmond-Henrico Del. Junie Bradshaw to break up the city-county floater plan. They proposed five delegates for Richmond, three for Henrico.

Separate delegations had been urged by city and county governing bodies and many other citizens in both localities. But the committee — apparently swayed by unspoken concern over the possible impact of the growing Negro vote in the city — decided on the all-floater alternative.

Sutton told the House that no delegate could properly represent the conflicting interests of city and county.

He urged the House, too, not to submerge Henrico's "political identity" by linking it to the larger city, nor to prejudge the city-county annexation suit now heading toward the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Del. Fred G. Pollard of Richmond replied that the best way not to prejudge the annexation suit, and to give both localities fair representation, is to stick to the all-floater plan until the next redistricting after the 1970 census.

Speaking briefly for the floor amendment, Bradshaw suggested that if city-county delegates must be shared as floaters, then Richmond-Henrico ought also to share three senators instead of continuing the present arrangements of two senators for Richmond and one for Henrico. (Nobody, however, seriously tried to "float" the three senators in yesterday's maneuverings.)

The Sutton amendment died by voice vote. Of the present Richmond and Henrico delegates, it was supported by Dels. Sutton, Bradshaw and Louis S. Herrink Jr. (R), and opposed by Dels. Pollard, George E. Allen Jr., T. Coleman Andrews Jr., H. H. Dervishian, E. E. Lane and S. S. Smith Jr. (R).

House members also rejected appeals by Dels. H. H. Adams of Northampton and George N. McMath of Accomack to let their Eastern Shore counties retain two delegates instead of being sliced to one.

GOP Efforts Rejected

Also given short shrift by the Democratic majority were Republican efforts to revise committee-approved plans for Southwest Virginia and Shenandoah Valley district rearrangements.

The only successful floor amendment to change committee-approved district lines granted the request of Democratic Dels. R. Gwyn Jr. of Smyth and Grady Dalton of Taxewell to keep separate districts for their counties.

A technical amendment offered by Del. W. M. Anderson of Roanoke to define city and county areas as they exist on January 1, 1965, instead of 1962, was adopted.

The House then quickly rejected an amendment by Republican Del. J. W. Hagen of Roanoke county to give his county two delegates instead of one plus a Roanoke city-county floater.

69 to 20 Vote

Just before the House voted to pass its bill, Del. Arthur H. Richardson of Dinwiddie half-seriously questioned the validity of Cooke's new district—whether New Kent and Charles city were really contiguous with the old district across the York river.

Cooke replied he thought so and hoped so.

After a recess, the House took up the Senate redistricting bill. Twelve minutes later, the Senate bill passed, 69 to 20 without any House amendments.

Senate

By Allan Jones

The Senate approved its own redistricting plan, 34 to 5, after three senators registered mild and diplomatic protests over provisions affecting their constituencies.

Voting against the bill were the three Republican senators—S. Floyd Landreth of Galax, James C. Turk of Radford and Robert S. Burruss Jr. of Lynchburg—and Sens. William B. Spong Jr. of Portsmouth and Blake T. Newton of Westmoreland.

The Senate debate on the House apportionment was far more vigorous, but the vote was the same, 34 to 5.

The three Republicans again dissented. They were joined by Sens. William F. Parkerson of Henrico and E. Almer Ames of Accomack.

Unchanged Since 1902

Ames led off the discussion on the Senate bill by observing that his district has been unchanged since 1902. It consists of the counties of Accomack and Northampton and the city of Virginia Beach.

Under the bill it will be made up of the counties of Accomack, Northampton, Mathews, York and Gloucester.

"I can't see the district bisected without expressing my regret," Ames told the Senate. "I hate to see my district changed, but a majority of the Privileges and Elections Committee felt it was necessary and I am willing to bow to the committee majority."

Spong said he intended to vote against the bill because it failed to guarantee Portsmouth representation in the Senate.

The measure provides for Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach to share three senators, but none would be guaranteed its own representative.

He observed that Portsmouth Mayor R. Irvine Smith explained the city's position on the matter at a committee hearing Monday.

"Within the context of this official protest, I feel compelled to vote against the bill," Spong said. He hastily added that his vote should not be interpreted to mean he was opposed to reapportioment.

"One of the salutary things about the bill is that eight senators will be elected from the Hampton Roads area," Spong said. The future of Virginia "is tied into the progress of Hampton Roads," he added.

Most of the opposition to the House bill came from Parkerson, who sought unsuccessfully both in committee and on the Senate floor to gain separate representation in the House of Delegates for Henrico. (Richmond has two state senators, Henrico one. This arrangement is unchanged.)

Amendments offered by him provided for two delegates for Henrico, five for the city, and one floater to be shared by both political subdivisions.

The bill as finally approved by both houses would give Richmond and Henrico eight delegates to be shared in a floater arrangement. Richmond and Henrico now share eight delegates, and Henrico has one of its own.

The net effect of the bill as approved by the House is a loss of representation by Henrico, Parkerson told the committee.

The proposed amendment was rejected by the committee, but Parkerson renewed his plea on the floor. He said Henrico, with a population of 117,000, actually is entitled to three delegates of its own. The proposal for two "is a happy compromise," he said.

Sen. Garland Gray of Waverly, committee chairman, observed that under the tradition of the Legislature each chamber does not amend the apportionment bill of the other. In a voice vote, Parkerson was the only senator voting for his amendment.

Senator Turk, the next speaker, expressed "grave doubts" over the constitutionality of the House bill.

He observed that the most highly populated district was 19 per cent above the ideal of 40,000, and the district having the least population was 22.5 per cent below the ideal. Thus, the maximum deviation is 41 per cent.

"I sincerely believe we have done a very poor job on redistricting, and I'm not so sure the (federal courts) might do a better job than we have done," Turk said.

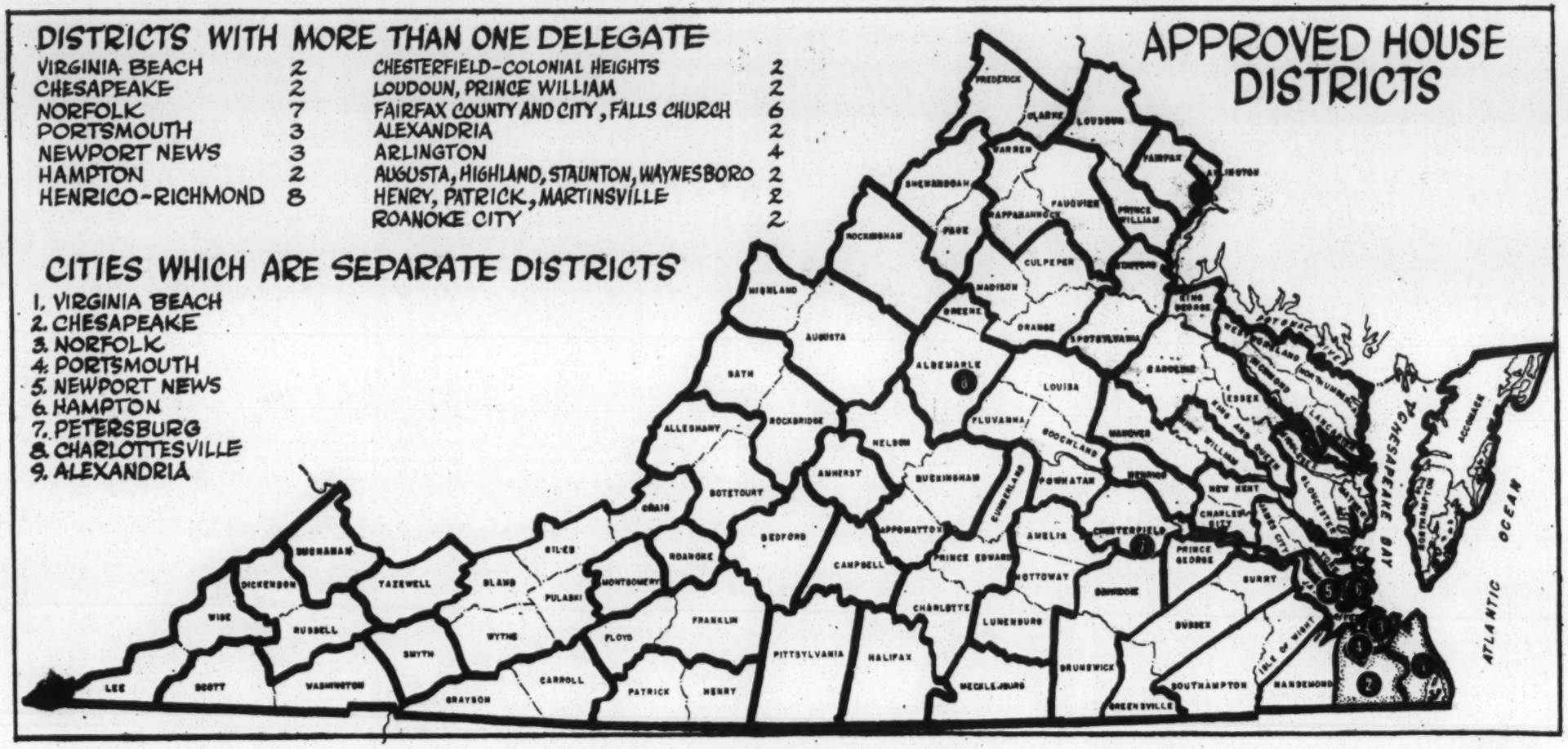
The bills represent an improvement over the 1962 apportionment, invalidated by the federal courts, "but they still aren't good enough," Turk said. He also criticized the secrecy that surrounded the preparation of the redistricting plans.

Sen. William B. Hopkins of Roanoke said in reply to Turk that Republican members of the Legislature had not disclosed the provisions of their House and Senate bills before they were introduced on Monday.

A total of 15 districts have been merged by the 1962 and 1964 apportionment acts, Hopkins said, and in only one instance has a Republican been pitted against a Republican. Thus, "the partisan issue cannot be successfully argued," he declared.

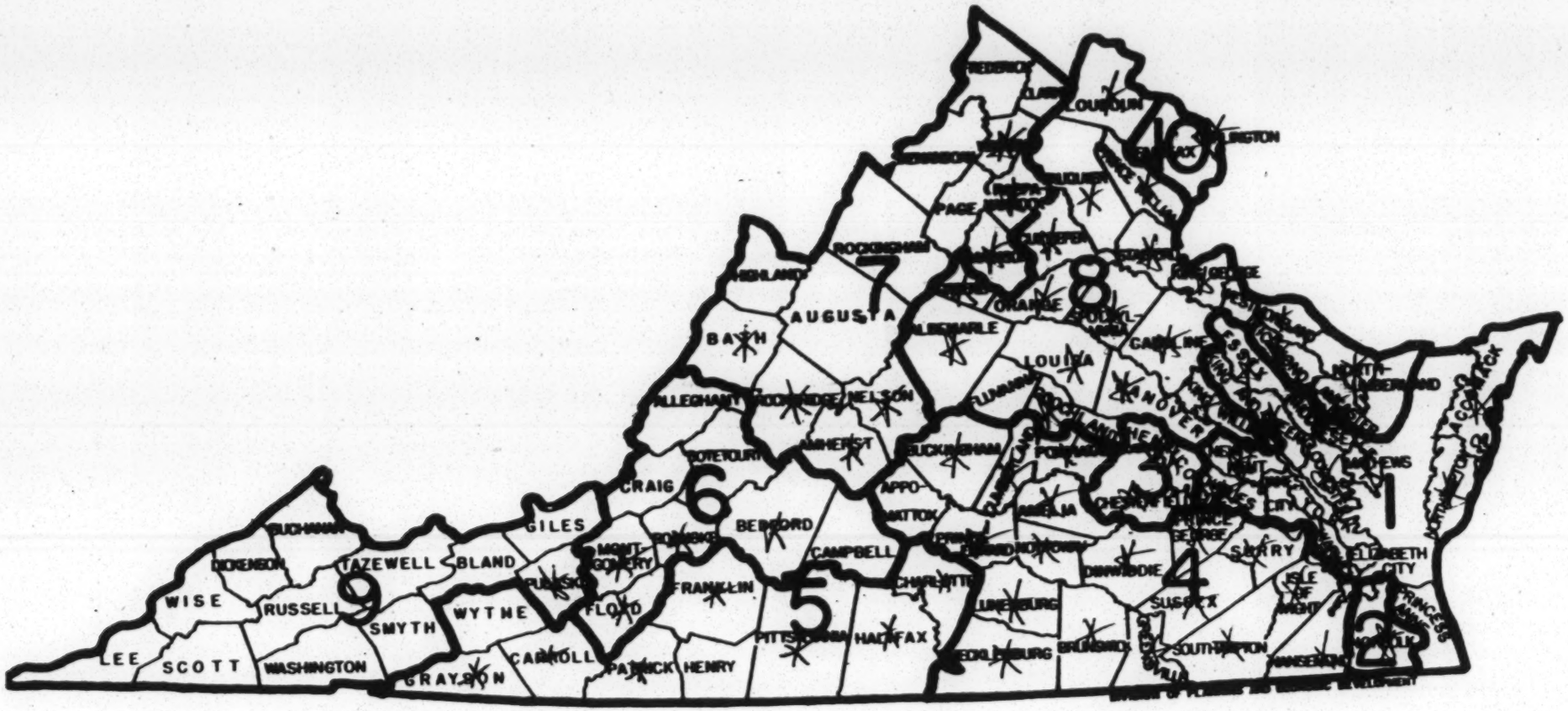
Hopkins maintained the only reason the districts of Turk and Landreth weren't combined in 1962 was because of the respect the Democratic majority maintains for Landreth. (The 1964 plan combines their districts.)

Hopkins, who opposed the 1962 reapportionment bills, said the 1963 acts "will meet the test of the courts." These bills are much fairer than the Republican measures, he said.



Staff Map

CHANGES SHOWN—This map shows the apportionment plan for the House of Delegates as it was approved yesterday by both the Senate and House. The map includes changes made in Middle Peninsula districts. Representation given some urban areas cannot be adequately shown, particularly where two or more political subdivisions share delegates under a so-called "floater" arrangement. Richmond and Henrico will share eight delegates, for example. There will be one floater between Fairfax county and the cities of Alexander, Fairfax and Falls Church. This is in addition to the six delegates to be elected by Fairfax county and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church; two elected by Alexandria, and four elected by Arlington. Similarly, Harrisonburg-Rockingham will elect one delegate and share another on a floater basis with Page and Shenandoah. Lynchburg will elect one and share another with Amherst. Danville and Pittsylvania each will elect one delegate and share a third. Roanoke county will elect one delegate, Roanoke city two delegates, and the two political subdivisions will share a fourth delegate.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DIVISION OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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									PRESIDENT		U. S. SENATE		
	WHITE	NEGRO	WHITE	NEGRO	WHITE	NEGRO	WHITE	NEGRO	Johnson	Goldwater	Byrd	May	Respess
Accomack	13,148	6,142							3,528	3,145	4,576	556	526
Albemarle	15,670	2,576							3,062	3,251	4,411	547	403
Amelia	2,261	1,924							884	1,348			
Amherst	10,523	2,693							2,730	2,675			
Arlington	102,364	5,214							33,567	20,485			
Bath	2,976	340							770	516			
Bedford	15,258	3,044							4,076	3,806			
Brunswick	4,637	4,734							1,883	2,560	2,787	79	1,147
Buckingham	3,776	2,208							1,182	1,547	2,024	85	321
Caroline	3,793	3,210							2,064	1,166	1,707	228	603
Carroll	13,614	41							2,517	3,617			
(Grayson)	10,173	329							3,238	3,105			
Charles City	582	2,126							1,023	323	416	81	600
(New Kent)	1,325	1,229							684	677			
Charlotte	5,014	2,500							1,191	1,974			
Chesterfield	35,855	4,862							8,376	17,486			
Clarke	4,016	786							1,136	1,068			
Covington	6,206	751							2,055	1,149			
(Alleghany)	6,675	256							1,580	1,104			
Culpeper	6,946	2,068							1,886	1,775			
Cumberland	1,819	1,647							871	1,099	1,206	64	543
Dinwiddie	5,212	8,587							2,182	2,096	2,752	158	907
Essex	2,241	1,665							760	789			
Fairfax	140,605	9,110							48,680	30,755			
Fauquier	10,726	3,093							3,506	2,101	3,654	542	633
Floyd	6,017	308							1,144	1,836			
Fluvanna	2,790	1,378							1,008	823			
Franklin Co.	12,801	1,728							3,447	2,279			
Gloucester	5,341	1,882							1,949	1,631			
Goochland	3,121	2,312							1,452	1,241			
Greene	2,331	328							460	641			
Greensville	4,499	3,885							2,262	2,245			
Halifax	11,377	6,769							2,198	3,928			
Hanover	12,432	3,302							2,864	4,879	5,134	1,087	868

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	WHITE	NEGRO	WHITE	NEGRO	WHITE	NEGRO	WHITE	NEGRO	Johnson	Goldwater	Byrd	May	Respess
Henrico Co.	66,822	3,397							12,779	29,286			
Isle of Wight	4,991	4,317							2,656	1,737			
James City and	4,845	2,056							1,744	1,092	1,558	321	593
(York) and	9,596	2,428							3,385	2,992	3,775	1,183	797
(Williamsburg)	3,509	583							1,171	906			
King George	3,200	1,009							1,085	644			
King & Queen	1,735	1,617							786	699			
King William	2,491	1,864							904	1,065			
Lancaster	3,613	1,978							1,245	1,663			
Loudoun	12,014	2,239							4,278	2,594	4,562	836	552
Louisa	4,917	2,482							1,731	1,369			
Lunenburg	4,611	2,534							1,128	1,847			
Madison	3,883	898							862	1,060			
Mathews	3,809	1,062							1,137	1,149			
Mecklenburg	10,474	6,624							3,238	4,976	5,734	239	1,366
Middlesex	2,586	1,363							973	1,019	1,192	272	259
Montgomery	18,091	960							3,872	4,604			
Nansemond and	6,965	9,806							4,804	2,590			
(Suffolk)	5,272	2,769							1,579	1,463			
Nelson	5,693	1,813							1,635	893			
New Kent and	1,325	1,229							648	677			
(Charles City)	582	2,126							1,023	323			
Northampton	5,340	4,786							1,516	1,586			
Northumberland	3,965	2,123							988	1,423			
Nottoway	5,564	3,458							2,138	2,353			
Orange	6,269	1,429							1,508	1,595			
Patrick	8,076	616							2,306	1,468			
Pittsylvania	22,835	8,604							5,228	7,120	8,046	1,965	134
Powhatan	2,376	1,563							969	1,182	1,283	96	540
Prince Edward	5,125	2,896							1,512	2,545	2,835	147	761
Prince George	8,860	2,420							1,502	1,790			
Prince William	24,477	2,217							5,611	3,343	5,329	1,552	687
Pulaski	14,802	1,030							3,620	3,101			
Rappahannock	2,608	540							675	449			
Richmond Co.	2,713	1,132							636	901			

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	WHITE	NEGRO	WHITE	NEGRO	WHITE	NEGRO	WHITE	NEGRO	Johnson	Goldwater	Byrd	May	Respess
Roanoke	35,014	2,211							8,808	10,714	12,175	4,049	410
Rockbridge	12,662	1,127							2,599	2,200			
Rockingham	22,976	427							4,205	4,155			
Southampton	7,239	7,435							2,566	1,520	2,433	186	1,022
Spotsylvania	6,262	1,503							2,097	1,261	1,771	423	392
Stafford	8,594	971							2,469	1,888	2,303	803	513
Surry	1,479	1,842							1,131	1,004	1,206	33	704
Sussex	2,662	3,706							1,234	1,537	1,870	72	596
Tazewell	23,237	1,071							6,081	3,231			
Warren	8,211	587							2,494	1,886			
Westmoreland	3,836	2,352							1,312	1,181			
TOTAL COUNTIES	912,330	204,173							265,687	253,147	84,739	15,504	15,877

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Alexandria	50,548	6,025							16,828	8,825	12,449	6,481	2,023
Charlottesville	15,904	3,369							5,205	4,415	5,874	989	1,024
Chesapeke									9,532	9,038			
Clifton Forge	2,920	600							1,252	850			
Covington	6,206	751							2,055	1,149			
Danville	22,404	6,388							4,539	7,900	7,679	1,309	1,557
Fairfax	140,605	9,110							2,835	1,924			
(Falls Church)	5,720	114							2,371	1,329			
Franklin									1,257	783			
Fredericksburg	6,717	1,471							2,410	1,511	2,109	488	812
Galax and	3,073	152							717	697			
(Carroll)	13,614	41							2,064	1,166			
(Grayson)	10,173	329							3,238	3,105			
Hampton	40,795	10,825							13,542	8,731			
Harrisonburg	6,747	436							1,765	1,820			
(Rockingham)	22,976	427							4,205	4,155			
Hopewell	8,854	1,549							2,498	3,183			
Lynchburg	27,728	6,574							6,758	10,044			
Martinsville	8,084	2,972							2,943	1,805			
Newport News	44,258	20,974							15,296	10,584			
Norfolk	129,423	45,376							32,388	18,429			
Petersburg	12,528	9,821							4,521	3,253			
Portsmouth	44,286	21,055							16,073	8,420			
Richmond	90,508	53,715							35,662	27,196	31,507	6,186	16,324
Roanoke	52,527	9,519							15,314	13,164	16,172	5,973	1,938
South Boston	2,639	696							636	1,206	1,305	330	7
(Halifax)	11,377	3,302							2,198	3,928			
Staunton and	13,290	1,288							2,705	2,969			
(Augusta)	21,314	864							4,039	4,327	3,819	982	290
(Waynesboro)	8,667	548							2,369	2,107			
Suffolk and	5,272	2,769							1,579	1,463			
(Nansemond)	6,965	9,806							4,804	2,590			

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Virginia Beach	4,706	342							12,892	10,529			
Williamsburg	3,509	583							1,171	906	1,133	279	201
(York)	9,596	2,428							3,385	2,992			
(James City)	4,845	2,056							1,744	1,092			
Winchester	9,200	708							2,254	2,180			
TOTAL CITIES	867,978	236,983							245,044	189,765	82,047	23,017	24,176

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

I hereby make application to be registered to vote in all elections

in _____ Precinct

Name: _____

Age: _____ Date of birth: _____

Place of birth: _____

Residence: _____

Residence for the
one year next
preceding: _____

Occupation: _____

Occupation for the
one year next
preceding: _____

Whether applicant has previously voted: _____

If so, where last voted: State_____

County (City)_____Precinct_____

Date: _____

Signature

The Virginia State Conference
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

301 East Clay Street - Richmond, Virginia 23219

Phone: 644-5678 or 648-2435

L. Francis Griffin
President

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

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WAB
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JBM

December 7, 1964

Mr. John Due
5 Forsyth Street, Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Due:

Please accept this brief note as an expression of the Conference Voter Registration Committee's appreciation for the contributions made to the "Big Round-Up" on Saturday afternoon last.

We are certain that those in attendance at the December 5 meeting are better equipped to meet the challenges, the 1965 state and local elections present to Virginia's Negro citizens.

Assured of your continued cooperation and invaluable contribution to our Voter Registration program, we look confidently to the future.

Very truly yours,

L. Francis Griffin
L. Francis Griffin
President

W. Lester Banks
W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

John M. Brooks
John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

WLB/pgb

4-46

April 14, 1965

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

I am now writing my final report for VEP, and regret that your failure to furnish us with any statistical information or reports dictates that I recommend that we never again make a grant to a state conference of NAACP branches. We have already been severely handicapped by not getting reports from you on time, but now it appears that we will completely close out without getting a report at all. Won't you please recognize the seriousness of your delinquency and furnish us with a report immediately?

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Never answered.
filed 8/24/65

February 22, 1965

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

When I talked with you on January 26, you promised me that the information which I had been requesting would definitely be mailed the next day, but here it is almost a month later, and we still have heard nothing from you.

Your delinquency cannot result in anything other than unfavorable comment in the final VEP report, which we are now writing. Won't you please answer our several letters.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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January 11, 1965

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

I know that you were out of the office for several days on vacation, and that this was followed by your annual staff meeting in New York, but now that you are back in the office, will you please give immediate attention to my several unanswered letters, and particularly to the financial accounting.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

WAB called Mr. Banks 1/26/65, & he is to mail requested information tomorrow.

December 29, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

In my letter to you of December 7, I had requested a final financial report and refund of any unused portion of your grant by December 19. When I had not heard from you by December 22, I attempted to reach you by phone and learned that you were on vacation until after January 1. Will you please give top priority to the matter of sending us an up-to-date financial report and refund of any unused portion of your grant immediately upon your return. Our records reveal that you have a balance on hand unaccounted for in the amount of $1,318.42. Your serious delinquency in this regard is causing us a great deal of difficulty in our auditing as we try to close the VEP program. I also would remind you of the other information we have requested repeatedly.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

December 7, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference
NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

Since we have heard nothing further from you regarding any outstanding obligations from your voter project since our letter to you of November 23, I am this date, withdrawing any VEP commitment for the unpaid portion of the tentative grant which VEP made to the Virginia State Conference. We had requested information regarding any additional bills on or before December 1.

Last week I sent you photocopies of letters which have gone unanswered, and while you have given me the information orally on most of it, I have explained that we must have the information in writing for our files. Of special importance to us at the moment is the need for some kind of comprehensive report describing your voter registration program and the results obtained, with as much information as possible from each county or city where you were working. I would hope that you could get this to us by December 19. You are also requested to send us a final financial report, together with any refund from the unused portion of the grant paid to you by December 19.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

VIA AIR MAIL

December 2, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Mr. Banks:

As in all winning football games, a substitute is coming in the last few minutes to play for the star quarterback.

I shall arrive Friday afternoon at 12:32 p. m., and have scheduled a tentative return flight at 6:55 p. m. on flight 321, for Saturday.

Very truly yours,

John Due, Jr.

JD:js

Note: Xerox copies of letters previously sent Mr. Banks dated Sept. 29, Oct. 6, and Sept. 28 were enclosed in this letter, with the following notation:

Our files reflect that these letters have never been answered, and we need this information in writing. Will you please send said information at once. WAB

Wait until 12/2/64 before writing.

November 23, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter and partial financial reporting which was received in this office on November 20.

You state that you have outstanding obligations, but I can tell you now that it will be difficult for me to approve any additional funds for your program in light of your serious delinquency in keeping our office fully advised with reference to progress and financial reporting. While I have no idea as to the amount of your unpaid claims, I do not see how I can, in good faith, send money for a program which ended on October 3, so far as VEP is concerned, even though you did not use the full amount of the approved grant.

I will not attempt to reach a decision regarding this matter at this time, since I do not know the amount of your bills. I would suggest that you send us a detailed statement describing the outstanding bills and the amounts, but we should be furnished this information on or before December 1. A hurried inspection indicates the need for some supporting vouchers with the accounting just sent, and Mrs. Levine will write you separately regarding that.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

Note: Correspondence referred to in this letter in WAB's possession.
— another letter written 11/24/64 by JL.

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

November 19, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

I tried to reach you by telephone today, and learned that you would not be back in the office until Monday. I am very disappointed that we have not yet received the financial reporting which you promised last week you would send to us last weekend.

Our records show that you have a balance on hand in the amount of $4,474.32, and we simply must have an immediate accounting from you. I remind you that one of the terms of the grant was your agreement to submit a weekly financial accounting, but this has not been complied with. May we hear from you at once.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Dr. John Morsell

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

October 22, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Lester:

Now that your state conference meeting is out of the way, I would appreciate it if you would give us a complete final report of your voter registration program, and also a final financial report. You should also send us a check for any unused portion of your VEP grant.

You have three or four letters from me which will require specific answers for our files. Please rush this to us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

October 6, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

Now that the registration deadline has passed in Virginia, I would hope that you would immediately check with all of your projects and ascertain what results were achieved. It would be extremely helpful for our research files if we could also know the following:

1) The total number of registered voters in each county or city by race as of a fixed date prior to your VEP program.

2) The total number of voters by race in each of the above, following the close of the books on October 3, 1964.

Please review your financial situation, and determine the approximate amount of funds you will actually need to pay all bills incurred in connection with your registration campaign, so that we can see what additional funds you will require from VEP.

Even though you verbally gave me information regarding my letter to you of September 28, I would appreciate your sending a written reply for our files.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

September 29, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
Virginia State Conference, NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

Thank you for your financial reporting which arrived in the mail this morning. I am enclosing a check in the amount of $2,000, representing an additional payment on your $10,000 grant which we approved on September 2, 1964. According to our records, you still have a balance in the amount of $3,000 in the event that your program justifies the full amount.

I note that several of your checks included a fixed amount of $30 for gas and oil for volunteer cars for the period September 1 through 21. Will this $30 be accounted for at a subsequent date, or is it contemplated that the full $30 will be used in any event, with no further accounting of same required so far as your project is concerned?

The expenses for persons such as Mrs. Julia Tucker (your check No. 0017) should be accounted for on the VEP Field Expense Report form.

I need some explanation for the rather large postage expense of $650 as shown on your check No. 0018. I understand that your check No. 0019 in the amount of $401.92 to Consolidated Bank and Trust Company represents reimbursement for funds advanced to you prior to receipt of your voucher checks. We must have a full adcounting showing how this money was spent, together with the supporting invoices or vouchers.

It appears that the only advance which you have made ~~to~~ to a local affiliate thus far is the $300 payment to A. Byron Smith of Roanoke. This money must be accounted for in full immediately upon the close of your project this weekend.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $2,000 check

September 28, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Banks:

A recent article in the Norfolk Journal and Guide states that NAACP and SCLC are working actively in a voter registration campaign on behalf of S. W. Tucker, who is a candidate for Congress from the Fourth Congressional District.

I realize that writers sometimes send in articles without checking with responsible people in connection with the material about which they write, but I feel compelled to caution you that the VEP programs must not be engaged in partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, not even on behalf of a Negro candidate.

I request that you take positive steps to instruct your VEP participants in the Fourth Congressional District that no portion of VEP funds may be used to support any particular candidate, and I am, by copy hereof, requesting the same thing of Mr. Herbert Coulton of SCLC.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. Herbert Coulton

VEP 4-46

VIRGINIA
AREA COORDINATORS

AREA 1 - Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier Counties

Coordinators:

Mr. William Jackson
Middleburg, Virginia

Mr. James P. Russell
Route 1, Box 135, Woodbridge, Virginia

Mrs. Doris Grant
Upperville, Virginia

Checks held pending report

AREA 2 - City Alexandria

Coordinator:

Mr. Jim Dugan
423 Queen Street, Alexandria, Virginia

AREA 3 - City of Fredericksburg and Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George and Caroline Counties

J. Due (1)

Coordinator:

Mr. B. T. Johnson
P O Box 686, Fredericksburg, Virginia

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Coordinator:

Mrs. Bertie Huggard
409 Gooch Street, Staunton, Virginia

J. Due (3)

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P O Box 312, Roanoke, Virginia

Tucker (2) Lynchburg - Ind. Proj.

AREA 7 - Cumberland County

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J. Due (5)

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Coordinator:

J. Due (4)

Mr. Allen Gooden, Jr.
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J. Due (1)

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VIRGINIA AREA COORDINATORS

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Mrs. Julia E. Tucker
111 East Atlantic Street, Emporia, Virginia

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Coordinator:

Mr. J. B. Coleman
RFD, Halifax, Virginia

AREA 17 - City of Danville

Coordinator:

J. Tucker (1)

Mrs. Doyle Thomas
352 Ross Street, Danville, Virginia

AREA 18 - Pittsylvania County

Coordinator:

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J. Tucker (1A)

Irvin Burton
Route 360, Danville, Virginia

VIRGINIA AREA COORDINATORS

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Mr. John Hollis Jordan
Box 226, Saluda, Virginia

Check held pending report.

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Coordinator:

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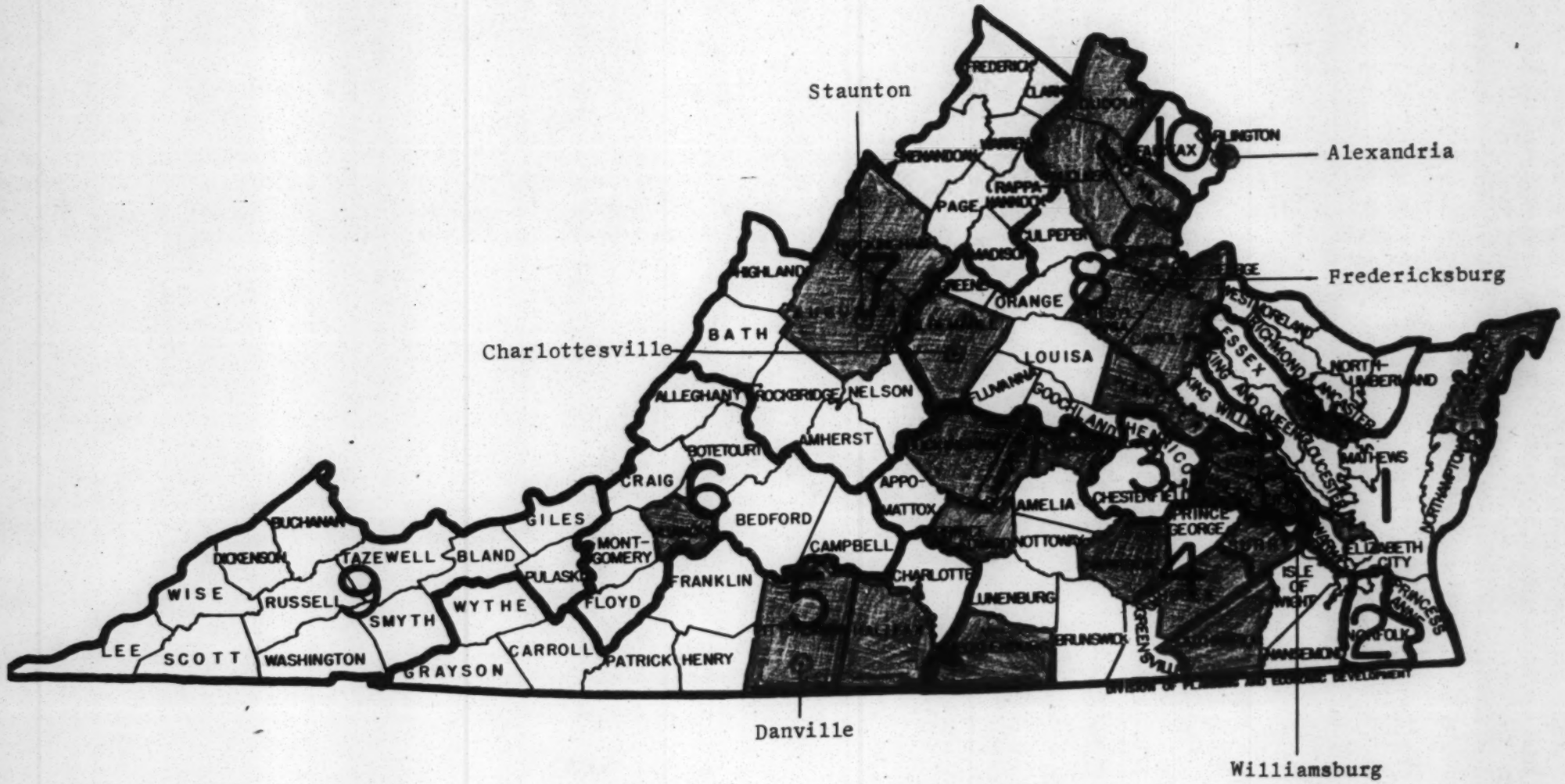
Accomac, Virginia

VOTER REGISTRATION EDUCATION PROJECT
or the
VIRGINIA STATE CONFERENCE-NAACP



PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP

SEP 16 1964

Receipt acknowledged this 12th day of Sept., 1964

Signed: Donald W. Larcen

Donald W. Larcen

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 205 FORSYTH BLDG. 92 FORSYTH ST. N.W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

September 10, 1964

WB

Mr. Donald W. Larcen, President
Virginia Voter's Registration
League
401 Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-47

Dear Mr. Larcen:

Your checks arrived from the printer today, and are being sent to you via Parcel Post. In order that you will have some checks to use immediately, we took checks No. 1 through 10 out of the box, and we are enclosing them herein in the event that you need checks before the Parcel Post is delivered.

Our check in the amount of $2,500 representing payment of the grant in full is enclosed herein, and should be deposited in your special VEP checking account.

We set forth the terms and conditions of the grant in our letter to you of September 1, 1964, and in the financial instructions enclosed therewith. Will you please acknowledge receipt of this check and your understanding of the conditions and terms by signing the enclosed carbon copy of this letter, and returning same at once?

We understand your program started on September 1, and will run through the October 3 registration deadline. Please let us know if there is anything further which we can do to aid your program.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: Carbon copy of this letter.
$2,500 check

Note:
Checks sent 9/10/64
JS

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September 1, 1964

Mr. Donald W. Larcen
President
Virginia Voter's Registration
League
401 Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Larcen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 30 following our earlier telephone conversation in which you made a request for a grant in the amount of $2,500 in support of a voter registration program in the Third Congressional District of Virginia. We are pleased to inform you that your budget request has been approved in full. We have placed an order for your voucher checks today, and we are hopeful they will be back by the end of the week. We will send you our check for the full amount of the grant at the time we mail your printed voucher checks.

The proceeds of this check, when you receive it, should be deposited in your special VEP account, and all expenditures should be paid by the use of the voucher checks. These checks should always be used in numerical order, and you should send to our office at the end of each week, a carbon of each check written or voided during the week. A set of financial instructions is enclosed, and you, along with the persons responsible for your financial matters, should read it very carefully and follow the instructions contained therein. Mrs. Jane Moore of our staff will write you separately concerning progress reporting.

No portion of these funds may be used to engage in partisan politics, or in support of any particular political candidate in any manner whatsoever, nor should they be used for the payment of poll taxes.

VEP 4-47

We do not seek any publicity for VEP in connection with your program, but we have no objection to your mentioning that you are working with VEP. You are requested to not release any publicity regarding the amount of your grant, except to members of your executive committee, or persons working with your program, and all inquiries from reporters or others concerning the amount of the grant should be referred to us, but you should always admit, if asked, that you have received a grant from us.

It is to be understood that VEP reserves the right to cancel this program at any time, and demand the return of any unused portion of the grant, and you agree to account to us for same.

Y

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: Financial Instructions

250 check ~~5~~ triplicate

WB

AUG 31 1964

VIRGINIA VOTER'S REGISTRATION LEAGUE

Richmond, Virginia

Temporary Address:

401 Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia 23229

Mr. Wiley Branton, Jr.
Southern Reginnal Council
5 Forsythe Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

This will confirm our recent telephone conversation with respect to the formation of the Virginia Voter's Registration League here in Richmond.

As we indicated to you on the telephone, this will be a non-partisan non-discriminatory activity interested in promoting voter registration in the State of Virginia, but primarily in the Third Congressional District.

We are set up at present with myself as President of the organization, Abner Lee as Vice-President, Harry Cohn as Secretary, and J. Ruppert Picott as Treasurer.

Our budget requirements are such that we anticipate the following:

Office Space	$ 100.00
Telephone	50.00
Office Equipment	25.00
Advertising and Promotion	500.00
Office Salaries	300.00
General Expenditures	1525.00
Total	$2500.00

General expenditures will include such items as gasoline, transportation, and door to door canvassing.

We iterate that this will be on a non-racial non-discriminatory basis to improve general voter registration here in the Third Congressional District at this time.

I am enclosing a copy of the check with the First and Merchants National Bank of Richmond which shows both thebank transit number as well as our account number which is the one in ink, 05-02-8126.

We will appreciate your having the checks made up as we discussed on the telephone and forwarding them to me at the above address.

Once again our most sincere thanks for your fine cooperation in this matter, and we will look forward to working with you successfully to a satisfactory conclusion.

Very truly yours,

VIRGINIA VOTER'S REGISTRATION LEAGUE

Donald W. Larcen

Donald W. Larcen, President

DWL:rn

Enclosure

September 11, 1964

Mr. Donald W. Larson, President
Virginia Voter's Registration League
401 Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-47

Dear Mr. Larson:

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of research reporting forms. We request that you submit a report each week, starting from the beginning of your project (September 4). We believe the items on the forms are self-explanatory, but feel free to question or make comments.

At the conclusion of your project, we will expect a comprehensive narrative report. I am enclosing a guide-line form.

If at any time you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

enclosure

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Virginia Voters' Registration League

Period covered by this report: From Sept 8 to Sept. 12

Person reporting James M. Scott

705 E. Broad St. Richmond, Va.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 9/30/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: District III - Va.

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 0

Number instructed at home 75 (phone, inquiries etc.)

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 300 a. Specify places

Office at 705 E, Broad St, Richmond

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project this week See attached sheet.

Number denied registration in this project this week —

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate —

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in the campaign 2

Remarks

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Virginia Voters' Registration League

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 14 to Sept. 20

Person reporting James M. Scott

705 E. Broad St. Richmond, Va.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 9/30/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: District III - Va.

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 100

Number instructed at home 85 (Telephone inquiries)

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 300 a. Specify places

Office - 705 E. Broad St., Richmond

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project this week See attached sheet

Number denied registration in this project this week

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 600 (Phone canvassing)

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in the campaign 7

Remarks All but one worker gave from 2-4 hrs.

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Virginia Voters' Registration League

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 21 to Sept 27

Person reporting James M. Scott

705 E. Broad St. Richmond Va.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 9/30/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: District III - Va.

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 108

Number instructed at home 85 (Telephone inquiries)

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 400 a. Specify places

Office 305 E. Broad St., Richmond

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project this week See attached sheet

Number denied registration in this project this week

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 500 (Telephone canvassing)

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in the campaign 6

Remarks

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Virginia Voters' Registration League

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 28 to Oct. 4

Person reporting James M. Scott

705 E. Broad St. Richmond, Va.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10/30/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: District III - Va.

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 0

Number instructed at home 100 (Telephone inquiries)

Number instructed at clinics —

Number instructed other places 450 a. Specify places

office - 705 E. Broad St. - Richmond

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project this week See attached sheet.

Number denied registration in this project this week

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means 800 (Telephone canvassing)

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in the campaign 5

Remarks

October 6, 1964

Mr. Donald W. Larcen, President
Virginia Voter's Registration
League
401 Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-47

Dear Mr. Larcen:

We require weekly financial accounting from all of our VEP programs, and you should include a copy of each check written or voided during the week, together with a ledger sheet. Even if there is some delay in the preparation of the ledger sheet, there is no reason for delay in sending a copy of each check as this only requires placing them in an envelope a and mailing them to us.

We have received no financial reporting on the Virginia Voter's Registration League since we made the grant, and we therefore request that this deficiency be corrected immediately.

Now that the registration books have closed in Virginia, we would like for you to send us a narrative report in as much detail as possible, with particular emphasis on the results achieved.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. J. R. Picott

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JLC
JBM

OCT 12 1964

THE VIRGINIA VOTER'S REGISTRATION LEAGUE

October 9, 1964

Voter -- Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Attention: Mr. Wiley A.Branton
Project Director

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have received your letter of October 6 and was somewhat amazed that oue treasurer had not sent down the copies of all checks issued against the project. For this please accept my personal apology since I should have seen to it that this was done more promptly.

Attached you will find the first ten checks issued against this project since its inception. These cover, as you can see, salaries and petty cash as well as one item covering printing of hand bills which we worked in cooperation with the Junior Chamber of Commerce here in Richmond.

As you are well aware, the formation of Virginia Voter's Registration League was done on rather short notice, and while our organizatinnal ideas were good, the execution came somewhat poorly. In an attempt to get into operation quickly and efficiently, many details such as the responsibility of forwarding information to you were overlooked. Again, for this, please accept our apology.

We are closing our activities since registration has now been closed in Virginia, particularly the Third Congressional District, and the attached checks represent the bulk of our expenditures. There are some matters that will have to be taken care of, such as telephone, printing,utilities, and others, but it would appear all of our expenditures will be well below our anticipated budget figure.

Our Board of Directors is scheduling a final meeting for pay-out and reporting on October 16, and you may be sure that you will receive full financial reporting as well as a detailed explanation as to what has been accomplished by our activities.

File:
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In short, however, we feel quite successful in our activities. You may know, there were approximately 28,000 new voters in the Third Congressional District. In a project such as this, it is difficult to count down to the last individual person whom we were responsible for, but we do have a good feel for this, and full details will be forwarded to you immediately following our October 16 meeting.

Once again, our most sincere thanks for your fine cooperation, and again our apologies for not having followed your routine specifically, but I am sure you can recognize that with a new operation such as ours, and unfamiliarity with your techniques, some things were overlooked.

These will be taken care of shortly.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Larcen

WBB
JL

VIRGINIA VOTER'S REGISTRATION LEAGUE

P. O. Box 4585
Richmond, Virginia

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter's Education Project
Southern Regional Council
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

NOV 4 1964

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have your letter ofnOctober 27, and as I believe I have indicated to you earlier we have proposed a final meeting to clear up the last details of the Virginia Voter's Registration League, but unfortunately all of our bills are not yet in.

I recently sent to you, through Dr. Picott, the remainder of our check vouchers, and enclosed you will also find our check in the amount of $1000.00 to return the major portion of our funds to you for your use. Also two additional check vouchers are included.

We are retaining approximately $250 to $300 in the account at this moment to handle our final financial problems which include payment for water service at our headquarters building, state and federal withholding and OAB payments to the appropriate authorities, and one or two extermely small items which may or may not even show up such as electricity, etc.

We trust that we can have this final accounting made by the end of November, and as I said earlier, we are only retaining a few hundred dollars to cover this, and if this is agreeable with you we will do so.

I already have prepared and am waiting for approval for the balance of our board on our reporting of the activities taking place and these should be forwarded to you within the next three or four days.

Very truly yours,

Donald W. Larcen

Donald W. Larcen

October 27, 1964

Mr. Donald W. Larcen, President
Virginia Voter's Registration League
401 Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-3

Dear Mr. Larcen:

Will you please send us a final financial accounting of your grant, together with a refund of the unused portion of the grant? We have some areas facing a serious deficit, and we need to collect any unused grant money as soon as possible to aid those areas in need.

Sincerely yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

10-17-64

October 7, 1964

Mr. Donald W. Larcen, President
Virginia Voters" Registration League
401 Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Larcen:

We have received the invoice from the printer for the overprinting of your voucher checks. The invoice was in the following amount:

250 voucher checks	$29.15
Sales Tax	.88
TOTAL	$30.03

Will you kindly have a check written reimbursing the Voter Education Project in the above amount. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

Rec'd 11/9/64

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VIRGINIA VOTERS' REGISTRATION LEAGUE

P.O. Box 4585

Richmond 29, Virginia

December 3, 1964

Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
Room 206 5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

DEC 7 1964

Attention: Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Project Director

Dear Mr. Branton:

It has taken us some time to get together final reporting, but attached you will find weekly reports as prepared by James M. Scott, our fulltime employee, handling our office with respect to activities at the headquarters building at 705 E. Broad Street.

The summary as reviewed by our executive board would indicate the following:

The Virginia Voter's Registration League was " born" on approximately August 30. Our purpose was to stimulate voter registration in the Third Congressional District and with limited time and no resources, we called on the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council for funds. These were readily forthcoming, and the expenditure of these funds will be reported separately in an appropriate finance report.

We received the necessary office and business space from the Jacobs and Levy Company at 705 East Broad Street at no cost. Steps were taken to have the telephone installed, furniture required was donated from the Morton Marks Company, Inc. and necessary fixtures by Thalheimer Bros., Inc.

A fulltime employee, Mr. James M. Scott, was hired to man the office and to direct the activities of volunteer workers who became available from time to time from various sources.

The office opened officially on September 8, which was coincident with the three-week voter registration drive being conducted by the Richmond Junior Chamber of Commerce. We worked to some degree with this organization so that a reduction in the cost of posters and handbills could be reduced some by coordinating efforts.

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The general purpose was to provide voter information to those citizens interested in voting, as well as to make an effort to contact a substantial number of people in the area who were potential voters but who for one reason or another had failed to make the actual effort.

Advertising by means of radio, television, and newspapers were effected, and shortly after the opening of the office on Tuesday, September 8, the telephones were quite busy requesting information on how and where to register, and the number of walk in inquiries increased by the hour.

After the first week, hundreds of people were contacted by telephone and by door to door canvassing by means of volunteers from the Union Theological Seminary as well as prive citizens interested in the activity. These were dircted by Mr. Scott from our headquarters. In those instances where transportation was needed, this was provided through our contacts with Mr. J. Sargeant Reynolds who had available a fleet of cars which we paid a nominal sum.

By means of voter precinct maps, precinct registrational lists, and city directors, a considerate effort was made by telephone to encourage people to register. Although nearly 4000 people were contacted by telephone or by door to door canvassing, it is difficult to determine the exact number of people who registered as a result of the work of Virginia Voter's Registration League. In addition to the approximately 100 to 150 people who were definitely helped with transportation to and from registration centers, another 250 to 300 residents have indicated that our services had been of major assistance in their efforts to register. We feel that this means that our contacts were crucial because they cleared up confusion about basic requirements for registration, particularly the Federal Election and the fact that poll taxes did not have to be paid.and in addition provided reminders and stimulation to people who might have forgotten or delayed until too late to register. We do know that in the Third Congressional District that 27,549 new people were registered during the period of our activity. Naturally some of these were contacted by the Crusade for Voters, the NAACP, and the Richmond Jaycees. It is impossible to determine which of these organizations provided the necessary impetus to create this registration total, but a breakdown would be as follows:

		White	%	Negro	%	Total
1.	Chesterfield	2405	73	885	27	3290
2.	Henrico	8910	94	603	6	9513
3.	Richmond City	5351	37	9395	63	14746
		16,666	60%	10,883	40%	27,549

During the last two weeks of our organization, it became apparent that additional full time staffing was required, and Mrs. Elizabeth Sloan was then hired to assist Mr. Scott in the actual work in the office. As indicated above, the overall registration drive was very successful, and it is to be noted that the Negro registration in the City of Richmond was outstanding. The Negro registration in suburban areas, Chesterfield and Henrico Counties was greatly disappointing, but this maybe attributed to a somewhat more lackadaisical attitude in the surburban areas, as compared with the City life of downtown Richmond.

In our opinion, the public officials as well as newspapers had serious objections to the large percentage of negroes who were registering, and in many instances made it quite difficult for these people to complete registration. However, the newspapers did convey erroneous information through the reporting of negro versus white registrations. Their implication was that the negro registrations in the Third District were running on the order of 50% to 60% greater than whites. While this might have possibly been true in the City of Richmond, the evidence shows that this was not true in the overall district, and in fact white registrations represented 60% of the total of the new registrations, whereas negro registrations only represented 40%.

This should summarize the overall effects of our drive. I believe one last question has been asked in your outline, and that is what would be done differently if such a drive were conducted again.

Frankly, many things would be done. First of all, it would be necessary to organize some time ahead of August 30 for a September 8 opening. The over-all Virginia Voter's Registration League was, as indicated earlier, formed very quickly however with some degree of efficiency. Many plans had to be made on the spur of the moment and decisions made accordingly to accomplish ends at all. Generally speaking our thoughts are to continue the league on an informal basis during the coming year, and to actively start working again 60 to 90 days prior to the State Elections. Naturally, extensive plans will have to be made with respect to headquarters, personnel, automobiles, and general activities. These plans are forming, and naturally it will be necessary for us to have sound administration in advance of the formal opening date.

I believe, Mr. Branton, this about summarizes our activities during the four-week period that we conducted business. I am sure there are going to be many questions that we have not answered for you, and you may be sure that we will promptly reply to any specific items that you have in mind.

I do not want to be overly apoloygetic, but within the short period of time we had to organize and conduct this drive, I do feel we accomplished a great deal and as indicated above, we feel that by proper planning in the future, more specific efforts can be made.

I would like to take this opportunity of extending the thanks of all of our group for your very fine cooperation in providing funds and certainly in your sympathetic understanding of our financial and administrative problems and delays in reporting to you. As I have indicated previously, we are about to close out the bank account, and you may be sure that a strict financial accounting as well as all unused funds will be turned over promptly to your organization. I believe we did forward to you a $1000 check quite recently which brings our balance down to a point to we only' have last minute details to clean up such as withholding taxes and social security and perhaps one or two very small items.

Again my sincere thanks,and I do hope I have the opportunity of meeting you in the very near future.

Sincerely yours,

Donald W. Larcen

DWL:rn
Duplicate

December 9, 1964

Mr. Donald W. Larcen
Virginia Voter's Registration League
401 Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Larcen:

Re VEP 4-47

Thank you for the financial reporting which was received in this office this week.

After auditing your final reporting, and re-auditing the accounting you have submitted to us in the past, it is obvious that there remains in your bank account the amount of $317.19.

In his letter of December 2, Mr. Branton requested you to give us a final report by December 10, and this would include a refund of the remaining funds in your account. We must close our books by December 15, so please forward your check in the amount of $317.19 by that date.

Also, kindly submit submit the report of activities promised by your project.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

Rec'd
12-17-64
$330.87

4-47

FINANCIAL

December 2, 1964

Mr. Donald W. Larcen
Virginia Voter's Registration League
401 Ridge Road
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-47

Dear Mr. Larcen:

In a letter received from you on November 4, 1964, you stated that you had already prepared a report of your activities and ". . . these should be forwarded to you within the next three or four days." A check with our Research Assistant reveals that this report has not yet been received, and we would very much like to have it for our files. Will ypu please arrange to send us this report at once.

It is necessary that we close all of our financial accounts as rapidly as possible, and I am requesting that you please send us a final financial accounting, together with a refund of any unused portion of the grant. We received a refund in the amount of $1,000 in your last letter, but you indicated that you were retaining some funds for the payment of final bills. We would like this final report by December 10, if at all possible.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Dr. J. Rupert Picott

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D. W. LARCEN AND CO., INC.

Manufacturers' Representative

401 RIDGE ROAD • RICHMOND 29, VIRGINIA • TELEPHONE 288-4061
P. O. BOX 4585

December 16, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: VEP 4047

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have just been advised by Dr. Picott that he has mailed our check in the amount of $330.87 to you today to close out the unused portion of our grant.

Attached ot this letter you will find our final ledger sheet for the use of funds, and you will note that we have deposited to the account three items, one of which was credit on the telephone bill, $76.90, a credit on our liability insurance, $16.60, and return of unused petty cash to the bank account of $11.25.

Our expenditures at this time, show that $84.83 was forwarded to the Internal Revenue Service for Social Security and Withholding Tax, and $6.24 was sent to the Virginia Department of Taxiation for State Withholding Tax.

This, according to our figures, would leave a total balance in our account of $330.87, which was forwarded to you and with thus return all unused funds to the Voter Education Project.

I believe that this will satisfy the latter dated December 9 from your Miss Jean Levine, as far as funds are concerned.

The last paragraph of her letter dated December 9, however, did ask for a report on the activities of the Virginia Voters Registration League, and it was my understanding that my letter of December 3, addressed to you, fulfilled this obligation in as much detail as we could give you. Enclosed with that letter, also, were the weekly report forms which shold wind up all reports that can be conducted by our organization.

(VEP 4471)

I hope they will be of use to you, and I would like to express my personal thanks, as well as that of my associates, for your very fine cooperation, in particular your patience in woeking with us on this project. As indicated to you earlier we were defenitely neophytes in this activity, but we do feel that a great deal was accomplished,and certainly we all learned a great deal from it.

I hope to have the pleasure of meeting you during one of your next visits to Richmond, and the very best of luck to you in your forthcoming projects.

Sincerely yours,

Donald W. Larcen

DWL:rn

cc: [illegible] (UEB)

WB

M E M O R A N D U M December 24, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-47
(Virginia Voters Registration League)

Grant:		$2500.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$345.03	
Meals	0.00	
Office Supplies	11.32	
Postage	12.50	
Salaries	378.24	
Trav. & Trans.	177.45	
Tel. & Tel.	221.89	
Utilities	2.70	
Insurance	20.00	1169.13
		$1330.87
Refunded to VEP		1330.87

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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
VOTER REGISTRATION COMMITTEE
301 East Clay Street Richmond, Virginia 23219
Phone: 644-5678 or 648-2435

WB ✓
JMV
JTV
Rec'd 8/24/64

August 21, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I am submitting a request for funds from the North Carolina State Conference-NAACP (with my approval) to the Voter Education Project, to assist in a stepped up voter registration drive in North Carolina for the period September 28 through October 24.

Very truly yours,

John M. Brooks

John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

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Kelly M. Alexander, Chairman
W. C. Patton, Field Secretary at Large
John M. Brooks, Director
John W. Edwards, Field Secretary at Large

August 21, 1964

To: The Voter Education Project
Mr. Wiley Branton, Director

From: The North Carolina State Conference-NAACP
Kelly M. Alexander, President
Rev. Charles Ward, Chairman
NAACP Voter Registration Committee

Re: REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FOR A STEPPED UP VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 28 THROUGH OCTOBER 24

State Organizer and Office Expenses Budget:

State Organizer and Coordinator (full time employment) @ $75.00 per week for 4 weeks	$ 300.00	
Travel expense	150.00	
Office	30.00	
Secretary: $35.00 per week for 4 weeks	140.00	
Postage and office supplies	100.00	
Telephone	60.00	
State Organizer and Office Expenses Total		$ 780.00

WAKE COUNTY (RALEIGH) BUDGET:

*Three Coordinators or District Organizers @ $25.00 per week for 4 weeks	$ 300.00	
Travel: $10.00 per week per Coordinator for 4 weeks	120.00	
Printing	135.00	
Postage and office supplies	100.00	
Transportation to registrar's office	400.00	
Lunches etc. for volunteer workers $50.00 per week for 4 weeks	200.00	
Expense for floating registrars working over-time time and nights	250.00	
Wake County Total		$1,505.00

*Because Wake County is a sprawling County and for the most part rural, three Organizers would be better than one. Rev. Charles Ward, Chairman of the North Carolina drive, also resides in Wake County and he will act as the County Coordinator in addition to his other duties.

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8000
11,750

Mr. Wiley Branton
August 21, 1964

MECKLENBURG COUNTY (CHARLOTTE) BUDGET:

Coordinator and Organizer (full time employment) @ $75.00 per week for 4 weeks)	$ 300.00
Travel for Coordinator: $10.00 per week for 4 weeks	40.00
Printing	175.00
Postage and office supplies	100.00
Transportation to registrar's office	400.00
Lunches etc. for volunteer workers $50.00 per week for 4 weeks	200.00
Expenses for floating registrars working over-time and nights	250.00
Mecklenburg County Total	$ 1,465.00

BERTIE, CHOWAN, CURRITUCK, GATES, HERTFORD, MARTIN, PASQUOTANK, PERQUIMANS, PITT, TYRRELL, WASHINGTON, NORHAMPTON, GASTON, CLEVELAND, BUNCOMBE, *LEE, *GRANVILLE, *ALAMANCE, *WAYNE AND *HARNETT COUNTIES.

BUDGET FOR EACH OF THE ABOVE COUNTIES:

Coordinator and Organizer @ $25.00 per week for 4 weeks	$ 100.00
Travel for Coordinator: $10.00 per week for 4 weeks	40.00
Printing	45.00
Postage and office supplies	35.00
Gas and transportation	200.00
Lunches etc. for volunteer workers	75.00
Total One County	$ 495.00

20 Counties @ $495.00 per County for 4 weeks ..... $ 9,900.00

Note: John Edwards, NAACP Voter Registration Field Secretary, will be in charge of areas designated by an asterisk. Rev. Charles Ward will be in charge of the over-all program.

Total budget request..... $ 13,650.00

Mr. Wiley Branton
August 21, 1964

Conclusion:

This program will be built around our NAACP branches in stated areas. In addition, to the areas stated, the North Carolina State Conference-NAACP will continue its NAACP voter registration program in all areas not covered by VEP funds.

cc: Dr. John A. Morsell
Kelly M. Alexander
Rev. Charles Ward

WD

NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

DURHAM · NORTH CAROLINA

N. L. GREGG,
ASSISTANT AGENCY DIRECTOR
1216 E. MARKET STREET
GREENSBORO, N. C.

Check ordered 9/1/64
Checks (1000) Sent 9/18/64 BS

SEP 1 1964

August 31, 1964

N.C. NAACP VEP
Triplicate
voucher:
for VEP C in
(city or county)
1000

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Foryster Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

In compliance with the request from Mr. Alexander's office, President of the North Carolina State Conference of NAACP Branches, we are enclosing a blank check (bank check) from the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Raleigh, N. C... the bank in which we deposit and dispense our VEP funds.

This is a special account set up for these funds..different from our regular account and bank. We do not have an account number. If you need additional information be sure to let me know and I will get it to you at once.

Yours truly,

N. L. Gregg/m

N. L. Gregg, Treasurer
N. C. State Conference
NAACP Branches

VEP 4-98

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August 28, 1964

Mr. Kelly Alexander
NAACP
112 North Irwin Avenue
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Dear Kelly:

Upon receipt of John Brooks' letter to me of August 21, requesting a grant in support of registration work in North Carolina, I phoned him to discuss financial arrangements.

In view of the fact that your proposed program will be under the supervision of the North Carolina State Conference, I think it will be best to deal directly with your state conference. We require the use of specially printed voucher checks, and we can have them printed for you in Atlanta, and then bill you for the actual cost.

While we are considering the proposal, it will expedite matters if you would have your state treasurer send us a blank check showing the name of the bank and the account number to be used. We will require a separate bank account for the use of VEP funds. Some banks use a separate electronic account number for the bank, and an entirely different one for each account, and we should be furnished with both numbers, if this procedure is applicable, so they can be printed on the checks. Will you please see to it that we get this information at once?

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

Proposals green funding

Lee Co. Voters League

September 19, 1964

Mr. Kelly Alexander, President
North Carolina State Conference, NAACP
112 North Irwin Avenue
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Dear Kelly:

We have just sent four packages of checks to Mr. N. L. Gregg so that you will be all set up when your VEP project begins.

I can tell you now that we will approve your budget request in full for your State Organizer and Office Expense, the Wake County and Mecklenburg County programs. We are giving tentative approval to your programs in the 20 counties but can not yet say what kind of a grant we can give you for the 20 county program.

We should reach a decision on your total grant next week and will then send a preliminary grant to get you started. You should therefore proceed to get the program fully organized so that there will be no delay when the books open.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB/p
cc: Mr. N. L. Gregg

Proposals Pending

September 28, 1964

Mr. W. L. Gregg
1216 East Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Mr. Gregg:

I assume that you are the person who will be sending to VEP each week the financial report from the VEP 4-48 grant. I am enclosing a supply of ledger sheets for your use in preparing these reports.

We sent Rev. Ward some vouchers and field report sheets since we assume that he will be sending these in to this office.

It is important that we know the exact procedure which will be followed in the payment of bills, and the reporting to our office. We request that you furnish us with this information as quickly as possible.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Rev. Chas. Ward

FINANCIAL COPY

September 29, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
Virginia State Conference, NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

Thank you for your financial reporting which arrived in the mail this morning. I am enclosing a check in the amount of $2,000, representing an additional payment on your $10,000 grant which we approved on September 2, 1964. According to our records, you still have a balance in the amount of $2,000 in the event that your program justifies the full amount.

I note that several of your checks included a fixed amount of $30 for gas and oil for volunteer cars for the period September 1 through 21. Will this $30 be accounted for at a subsequent date, or is it contemplated that the full $30 will be used in any event, with no further accounting of same required so far as your project is concerned?

The expenses for persons such as Mrs. Julia Tucker (your check No. 0017) should be accounted for on the VEP Field Expense Report form.

I need some explanation for the rather large postage expense of $650 as shown on your check No. 0018. I understand that your check No. 0019 in the amount of $401.92 to Consolidated Bank and Trust Company represents reimbursement for funds advanced to you prior to receipt of your voucher checks. We must have a full adcounting showing how this money was spent, together with the supporting invoices or vouchers.

It appears that the only advance which you have made ~~to~~ to a local affiliate thus far is the $300 payment to A. Byron Smith of Roanoke. This money must be accounted for in full immediately upon the close of your project this week-end.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: $2,000 check

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
112 NORTH IRWIN AVENUE
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

TELEPHONE: 376-6909

September 29,1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton,Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W. Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I am herewith acknowledging my understanding of the terms and conditions of the grant by signing and returning the copy to your office.

Respectfully,

Kelly M Alexander (H)

Kelly M. Alexander,President
N.C. State Conference of
Branches

KMA/yh

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS COPY TO VEP:

Receipt acknowledged this 26 day of September, 1964.
SIGNED: Kelly M. Alexander, President N.C. State Conf. NAACP

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Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Rec'd 10/1/64

September 25, 1964

Mr. Kelly M. Alexander, President
North Carolina State Conference NAACP
112 North Irwin Avenue
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202 RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Mr. Alexander:

We have today approved a tentative budget in the amount of $11,750 in support of your voter registration program which we understand will run from September 28 through October 24, 1964. We have approved your budget request of $780 for your state office, $1,505 for Wake County, and $1,465 for Mecklenburg County. We have reduced your budget for the other twenty counties listed in your proposal to an average of $400 each, or a total for the twenty counties of $8,000. You may increase or decrease your expenditures in any of said counties provided the total expenditures for the twenty county area will not exceed the $8,000 allowed.

We are sending our check in the amount of $4,000, representing the first payment, today, together with a copy of this letter to your treasurer, Mr. N. L. Gregg. Additional payments will be sent as your financial and progress reporting indicate a need for same.

I am sending Mr. Gregg and Rev. Ward a set of financial instructions which I am requesting that they read very carefully and follow to the letter. No portion of these funds may be used in support of any particular political candidate, or party, nor to engage in partisan politics in any manner whatsoever. It is to be understood that VEP reserves the right to cancel this program at any time and demand the return of the unused portion of the grant.

We will require weekly financial reporting in accordance with the instructions, and we would also like to have weekly progress reporting, showing the number of persons who have been registered during

the preceeding week in each county where you will be working. Mrs. Jane Moore of our staff will be writing Rev. Ward regarding additional reports.

I am enclosing a carbon copy of this letter, and ask that you acknowledge your understanding of the terms and conditions of this grant by signing the same and returning at once to VEP.

We welcome you to the VEP program, and if there is anything which you do not understand, or wish to confer with us about, then by all means let us know.

Very truly yours,

Wilsy A. Branton

WAB:jo
Encls.
cc: Mr. John Brooks
Mr. W. L. Gregg
Rev. Charles Ward
Dr. John Morsell
Financial copy
Return copy

October 5, 1964

The Reverend Charles Ward
501 S. Bloodworth
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Reverend Ward:

As you have written Mr. Branton that you haven't received any reporting forms, I'm mailing you an additional supply, along with the guide-line form for the narrative report.

I can't understand what happened to the other forms, as I mailed them one the 28th, the dame day I mailed the letter.

If at any time you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

October 6, 1964

The Rev. Charles W. Ward
NAACP Voter Registration Office
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

Following receipt of your letter of October 3, Mrs. Jane Moore of our staff, sent you an additional supply of progress report forms.

I received the ledger sheet for the week ending October 3, 1964, but apparently we are not together on the system. The ledger sheet should accompany a copy of each voucher check written on your project for the period covered by the ledger sheet, but we have received no copies of voucher checks as of this date. In a letter to Mr. Gregg on September 28, a copy of which was sent to you, I requested that one of you advise me as to the procedure which you will follow in the payment of bills. If Mr. Gregg is the one who will write the checks, then it would seem to me that he could mail to us each week a copy of all checks which have been written or voided. We would prefer that the ledger sheet be sent at the same time, but if there is a delay in preparing the ledger sheet, then there is no reason for delaying sending us copies of the checks.

I do not know what system you use for giving Mr. Gregg directions for writing checks, and I am enclosing a sample form which we use here at the VEP office for those projects where we do not send the actual money, as we have done in your case. If you have no form at the moment, then with some modification, you could probably use this same form.

I understand from the ledger sheet that you have given Raleigh and Charlotte the sum of $500 each on their local budget, and that they will account to you later for the expenditures.

If you have any questions at all, then please call us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: 1
cc: Mr. N. L. Gregg

P. S. Since dictating this letter, we have received the copies of voucher checks mentioned above.

10-17-64

October 7, 1964

The Rev. Charles W. Ward
NAACP Voter Registration Office
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Ward:

Re VEP 4-48

We have received the invoice from the printer for the overprinting of your voucher checks. The invoice was in the following amount:

1000 voucher checks	$34.90
Sales Tax	1.05
TOTAL	$35.95

Rec'd 10-15-64

Will you kindly have a check written reimbursing the Voter Education Project in the above amount. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

10-17-64

October 7, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks, Secretary
Va. State Conference, NAACP
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Banks:

Re VEP 4-46

We have received the invoice from the printer for the overprinting of your voucher checks. The invoice was in the following amount:

500 voucher checks	$32.55
Sales Tax	.98
TOTAL	$33.53

Will you kindly have a check written reimbursing the Voter Education Project in the above amount. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jean Levine
Fiscal Assistant

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PHONES
254-8866 254-8867

October 12, 1964

Rev. Charles Ward
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: Vouchers, expenses for Coordinators for V.E.P.

Dear Rev. Ward:

Enclosed are the vouchers for the week of October 5th through 10th. We have concentrated basically on Organization and information. We have contacted all of the Churches by placing a memo (copy attached) and are now comparing a list made from our City Directory with the list of Registered voters, secured from the Chairman of the Board of Elections. This list should be completed by the 13th of October, 1964. When this list is completed we will begin our house to house canvassing to get people out to register.

Sincerely yours,

Robert L. Harrell

Robert L. Harrell, Coordinator of
N.A.A.C.P./V.E. Project

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Enclosures

Note: Encl. referred to above can be found in Research file 4-48.

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OCT 14 1964

125 East Hargett Street

Raleigh, North Carolina

October 12, 1964

Mr. Wiley J. Branton

5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Room 206

Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Mr. N. L. Gregg, the State treasurer of NAACP, has informed me that the funds for Voter Registration is almost depleted. He suggested that I write to inform you of this fact.

Will you please send additional funds to Mr. N. L. Gregg, Post Office Box 1237, Greensboro, North Carolina.

My report this week will indicate numbers that have been registered in the various counties.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Ward

Charles W. Ward, State Chairman
Voter Registration NAACP

CWW:mdv

Enclosure under separate folder

VEP 4-48

THE RALEIGH TIMES

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 13, 1964

Half of New Registration Come From Inside Raleigh

Employes at the Wake County Board of Elections office Tuesday began digging out from the mountain of paperwork which accumulated on the last day of registration Monday.

Mrs. Martha McLaughlin, elections board clerk, said her estimate of 3,000 registrations Monday was a little high, but almost correct.

After a day of tabulation, she said nearly half of the registrations were people living in Raleigh. She said there were 999 new registrations and 177 transfers within the City limits.

"That's a lot of people," Mrs. McLaughlin said. "I'd just like to know where they all came from—at one time."

Estimates of the size of Wake County's electorate jumped to 78,000 registered voters as the result of Monday's last minute rush to beat the deadline. In the last presidential election there were 60,000 eligible voters.

The nearly 3,000 Monday came after 5,000 registered at County precinct and township polling places Saturday.

"This is the largest registration we've ever had for any election," Mrs. McLaughlin said. "It beats anything I've ever seen before."

Two weeks will be required to process, check for duplications and add the new registrations, and exact figures on how many voters Wake now has will not be known until then.

Mrs. McLaughlin said the new requirement that all registering to vote take a written literacy test "in one respect" helped speed up the process.

"The voters filled it out and wrote their names on the test and that made it easier to copy just their name on the registration form instead of having to write it," she said.

"When you get in a terrific bind like we were in Monday, it's a lot easier to copy the name," she said. "Especially when you've in a small area like we were."

Oct 10/1964

County Voters Total 78,000 After Big Rush

Estimates of the size of Wake County's electorate jumped to 78,000 registered voters as the result of an unprecedented last minute rush to beat the registration deadline yesterday.

Mrs. Martha McLaughlin, Wake Elections Board clerk, estimated 3,000 persons passed through the long lines at the elections board office yesterday to get their names on the books for the Nov. 3 election.

She estimated another 5,000 registered, changed precincts, or changed party affiliation at county precinct and township polling places where registration was conducted Saturday.

How many others registered yesterday with their precinct registrars, Mrs. McLaughlin declined to predict.

"All I know we've got a stack of mail from the registrars waiting to be opened," she said.

"This is the largest registration we've ever had for any election," Mrs. McLaughlin said. "It beats anything I've ever seen before.

"Unless a lot of these are duplications, the number of voters on the books in Wake County will reach 78,000," she predicted.

8,000 More

This is 8,000 more than her prediction after the Democratic primary that new registrations would push the Wake electorate to 70,000 voters.

Two weeks will be required to process, check for duplications, and tally the new registrations, Mrs. McLaughlin said. Exact figures on how many voters Wake has will not be known until then.

Lines at the courthouse yesterday continued until the 5 p.m. cutoff, when Wake Deputies wouldn't allow anyone else to get in line.

Until 6 P.M.

Elections office employes continued to registrar the 200 persons already in line until 6 p.m.

The new requirement that all those registering taken a written literacy test didn't slow registrations as had been feared, Mrs. McLaughlin said.

"Actually, I think it speeded things up," she said. "The voter had to sign his name to the test, and that made it easier to copy just their name on the registration form instead of having them tell it to us, then us having to write it."

No one failed the brief test, which requires the voter to copy a sentence from the state constitution, Mrs. McLaughlin said.

However, a couple of persons, who acknowledge they couldn't read or write, didn't try the test, she said.

WST-I
Rev. Ward areas

10/14/68

COUNTY		CHAIRMAN	TELEPHONE
Bertie	SCLC effect NAACP	Rev. S. P. Petteway Post Office Box 166 Lewiston, North Carolina	3346
N. Hampton	Good Active Ward Rev (NAACP)	Rev. C. M. Creecy Post Office Box 252 Rich Square, North Carolina	LE 9-2980
Hertford	NAACP Veit Pol. Act.	Rev. John L. Scott 419 Hayes Street Ahoskie, North Carolina	332 3315
Gates	Active Vice NAACP Fright 5598	Mrs. Elsie T. Mitchell Post Office Box 166 Galesville, North Carolina	2097
Currituck	Hugh pres NAACP Active	Mrs. Jennie L. Ferebee Route 1 Box 496 Moyock, North Carolina	(no phone)
Pasquotank	Contact Dr. Cooke Effective team	Rev. John Trotman 401 Roanoke Avenue Elizabeth City, North Carolina	338 6715
Perquimans	small ~~No know of NAACP~~ Interested non President	Rev. F. L. Andrews 211 Hyde Park Street Hertford, North Carolina	6601
Chowan	Pres NAACP small town large Negro County	Mr. Norman Brinkley 206 N. Moseley Street Edenton, North Carolina	3459
Washington	Active ~~Rev~~ McNeill Pres - member of NAACP assume responsibility	Rev. A. R. Winborne 207 East Third Street Plymouth, North Carolina	Sw 3-4555
~~Northampton~~ TYRRELL		Rev. Dallis Spruill P.O. 7 Columbia	796-3757 VEP 4-48

HIST-II
JOHN EDWARDS DRIVE.

10/14/64

COUNTY	CHAIRMAN	TELEPHONE
Gaston (no visit)		
Cleveland	Mr. Ray Cabines 311 Pinklney Shelby, North Carolina	HU 7-4466 HU 7-4341
Buncomb	Atty. Robert L. Harrell 43 Walton Street Ashville, North Carolina	259-6596 254-8866
Lee	Rev. Hampton Wall Street Sanford, North Carolina	776-2899
Granville (no visit)	Mr. E. E. LittleJohn 302 Linder Avenue Oxford, North Carolina	(no phone)
Acamance	Mrs. Flossie White 1003 Madison Avenue Burlington, North Carolina	228-9896
Wayne	Mrs. B. Colfield 205 Leslie Street Goldsboro, North Carolina	(no phone)
Harnett	Rev. B. B. Felder 706 E. Cumberland Dunns, North Carolina	892-6511
Martin	(no coordinator)	
Pitts	(no coordinator)	

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PLEASE RETURN THIS

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TO

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From Ralph Campbell, President Raleigh Branch NAACP
804 E. Edenton Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

October 14, 1964
DATE

SUBJECT
NAACP VEP RALEIGH -
WAKE COUNTY

To Mr. Wiley Branton, Director VEP
5 Forsythe Street, NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Message

Dear Mr. Branton:

I want to express my appreciation for the people of Raleigh and Wake County for the funds you have appropiated for our registration drive and especially for the funds to purchase Instructional Voting Machines which has created a tremendous interest in the entire community. Our registration ended October 12, 1964. We need $1500 appropiated to Raleigh-Wake County for Vote of Education with these machines.

Ralph Campbell
SIGNED Ralph Campbell, Sr.

ORIGINATOR - DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Reply

TO Mr. Ralph Campbell DATE Oct. 19, 1964

VEP can not make a grant to Raleigh NAACP for voter education work. We did agree with Rev. Ward that he could make some limited expenditures for this purpose from existing VEP funds on hand which were not used for voter registration but even this was subsequently reduced.

SIGNED Wiley A. Branton

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PART OF FIELD TRIP REPORT. CROSS REFERENCE: VEP 4-14 and JD FIELD TRIP REPORT FILES.

Field Trip to Nortg Carolina-Part I.
-NAACP-VEP 20 County Areas:

I arrived into the Durham-Raleigh Airport fromx fromna flight from Atlanta and was met there by Rev. Charles Ward, our coordinator for the VEP-NAACP project. He was quite distraought becase of illness in the family.

His wife had been acting as his secretary, voluntarily, for his xeR VEP work xndx but was now seriousily ill. He therefore intends to to hire a part-time secretary to be in the offic e, as he is in the field most of the time.

REv. Ward last week visited about ten areas.He and John Edwards had divided the up the 20 County VEP-NAACP project, JOhn taking the We stern Portion and Ward the Eastern portion. It was his eastern part Ward had visited. From the results of his trip, he was able to provide us the list of his co=ordinators.(See attacment I).

I then called John Edwards in Durham and he provided both me and R v. W ard the list of his cooridnators xd and contacts.(See attacmentII). John admitted that he had not yet made his tour as was done by Rev. Ward but planned to do so after the NAACP convention this coming week-end. As a general rule Rev. Ward had established his coordianators only after contacting community leaders in the County. Basically, herhe preferred the local NAACP organization and its people if it was active and effective in community organization, but if said REv. Ward, if the local NAACL was not effedtive, or, if other people are more effeective, gh these other people would be used. He said that forcbartincandcBittesçchecisccakcc Martin and Pitts Counties, he is calling upon Mr. "Goldie " Frinks(an officer of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference) to work in these areas. His list of names he indicates as coordinators includes people that are not active with the LOCAL Naacp. Boxh Both WARD and EDWARDS use a State-wide NAACP kxxk list of NAACp officers , but it seems that John Edware, from his own admissions kxx had not yet composed his lis t of co-orddna tors from personal investigation.

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After disposing of the ix 20 County-VEP NAACP problem, Rev. Ward took time to discussxhnxpax the program in Wake(Raleigh) County. Here, he has three co-oridanators : Mr. James Shepherd, 424 Bloodworth, TE xxxxxxxx 2-8777; Bartel W. Lane, Rock Quarry Rodd, 833-6967; Ruth Morgan, Windel, North Carolina, 365 - 7117. The latter two are the xxxh County co-ordianatora. They work through the Negro schools in the area, their local PTA's. xxxh with students, compete ing with each other. In the city, Mr. Shepherd, the Presddent of the local NAACP, Mr. Campbell and Bloodworth, have been working through h the bfanch and the Yo uth Cxp Chapter In both areas, the procedure is for their workers to go door to door to make contacts, make appointments , and to bring to the xxxxx people the retistrars.

The Hallifax movement

I arrived here , Enfield N.C., later than I planned, Havind had problems in finding a place to stay, eating etc.

File. VEP 4-48

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~~Northampton~~ Tyrrell		Rev. Dallis Spruill P.O. Columbia	796-3757 VEP 4-48

WICKY BRANTON FIELD COPY.

Franklin County — Mt. E.E. Lutheran "The Dream"
Home — 309 Hudson St. — Books open on Saturday but some
registration with the county week by appointment.
Population now about 12,000 — 8,000 in 1960. about
40% colored. No Negro deputy registrar. No elected Negro
officer. — 2 Negro Police on city — No clerks, Negro
Clerks in Legal Department, A&P or Colonial, Mother store.
No Negro Lawyer — 1 Dentist — 2 Doctors — 1 Surgeon
1 Pharmacist

Warren County — State Work Church # 7
Oct. 10 — 2
Oct. 17 — 3:30

Mrs. Betty Redding *

Geo. McLeod.
Grosby. Church.

15T-II
JOHN Edwards DRAS.

10/14/64

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Pitts	(no coordinator)	

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Wiley Branton Field Copy

Durham Campaign started Oct. 8, 1964 — 909 Dupree St. — Durham,
Mrs Delores Marvin — Director of Reg. for DCNA —
Books open on 10, 17 & 24 (Saturday only) in each precinct.
Negro deputy registrars in each precinct.]
Mrs. Marvin has been holding meetings with Chairmen, vice-Chairmen
& 5 of his best workers in each precinct. a different precinct
meets at her home each night. Also a meeting of all
the registrars (Negro). — Deputy registrars appointed by
County Election Comm.

Mostly volunteer workers. DCNA meets at
Branch Library every 1st & 3rd Thursday.
John Edwards is working with Durham group.
Student from Durham Business College have
been doing volunteer work in the precinct.

Geo Wheeler
116 W. Parrish

Floyd McKissick
213½ W. Main

October 15, 1964

The Reverend Charles Ward
501 S. Bloodworth
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Reverend Ward:

I am this date sending our check in the sum of $2,000 to your state treasurer, Mr. N. L. Gregg, in order that his funds will not be depleted. This represents an additional payment on your grant which was approved on September 25.

It appears that at the time your project submitted its proposal to us, you anticipated a later registration date in Charlotte and Raleigh. In view of the fact that the registration deadline has passed in both of these cities, we must insist that no further VEP funds be spent in either city. I note that you have advanced Raleigh the sum of $1,000, and you will be permitted to spend the difference between what has already been spent and the $1,000 advanced to date in support of the voter education program that you phoned me about. In the case of Charlotte, I assume that the $500 advanced to that city was not fully used, and the unused portion should be refunded to your state treasury. [redacted]

If you have some places in the state where the Charlotte and Raleigh surplus funds could be effectively used for actual registration, then you are authorized to use such surplus funds in said cities, provided you notify us as to where they are being spent. It appears that there is no program in Fayetteville.

I am having some difficulty in determining what vouchers you are sending in support of cash advances or petty cash as distinguished from those in support of actual voucher checks. It would be helpful if you would attach all vouchers or receipts in support of VRP voucher checks to our copy of the check. Vouchers or receipts in support of petty cash or from the Raleigh or Charlotte advances should be fastened together with some notation on the top indicating the account they are to be charged to.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs
~~encl: $2,000 check~~
cc: Mr. Kelly M. Alexander
Mr. W. L. Gregg

OCT 15 1964

WB
JB

NAACP VOTER REGISTRATION
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I found it impossible to secure competent secreterial help for our state office at the rate of $35.00 per week. As a solution to my problem I secured the part time halp of a full time secretary who does my typing during her off time.

In order to have someone in the office to answer telephone calls, stuff envelopes and package materials, I secured the help of another lady at $30.00 per week.

I hope that this meets with your approval.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Ward

Charles W. Ward, State Coordinaton
NAACP Voter Registration

VEP 4-48

WB

NAACP VOTER REGISTRATION
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina
October 20, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I received your letter of October 15th. On behalf of the Committee on Voter-Registration NAACP, North Carolina I wish to thank you for the check of $2,000.00 which you sent to Mr. N. L. Gregg, our treasurer.

In regards to Raleigh and Charlotte, it seems that both have expended the funds appropriated in the budget. I have received a final report from both cities and counties. I am enclosing Raleigh-Wake County report along with the progress reports broken down on a weekly basis. It seems that Raleigh has committed itself to funds exceeding the appropriations set forth in the budget. The president assured me that if VEP doesn't see fit to underwrite the surplus the local chapter of NAACP will.

I am also enclosing the progress report from Charlotte showing their final tabulations. It is regrettable that I am having to return Charlotte's financial report, at the request of Mr. Kelly Alexander, due to the lack of supporting receipts, vouchers and field expense reports blanks. I am also sending again the instruction sheet for their information.

I shall endeavor to make my reports explicit regarding cash advances and petty cash.

At this time, I am trying to locate some other counties who need help as Gaston County could not be organized in time for them to use the money. Our time has been short but I think that the results will be good inspite of that fact.

Again thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Ward

Charles W. Ward

CWW:mdv

note: There were no enclosures

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JAN 7 1965

LEDGER SHEET
FOR
FINANCIAL REPORTING TO VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
(Use more than one if necessary)

AGENCY Charlotte Branch N. A. A. C. P.

For ~~Week Ending~~ work period September 24th thru Oct. 12,'64

Date	Check No.	Spent in - (City, County)	Advertising*	Printing*	Salaries	Rent	Supplies	Travel & Transport. **	Telephone Telegraph	Other***	Petty Cash****
		Charlotte, N. C.	$200.00	$85.00	$824.25	$53.50	$150.00		$15.85	$127.83	
									Total amount spent		$1538.43

EXPANATIONS: * Radio spot adds were used as advertising media. The facilities of three local radio stations, manned by Negroes afforded the best possibility for city wide coverage. *This item covered cards and work sheets for workers. *** this item covered gas and cars.

*Items in this column should be supported by sample copies or texts.
**Items in this column must be supported by VEP Field Expense Reprt Forms
***Items in this column must be fully explained above.
****This column should be used for all cash expenditures as well as petty cash accounting and all entries must be supported by vouchers and receipts where cash is used in payment of purchases or services.

I hereby acknowledge that I have examined the above figures and attached vouchers and that they are a true and accurate accounting for our expenditures of VEP funds for this period.

SIGNATURE: J L Alexander
Chairman V. E. P.

WAB to write
on 11/2/64

FINANCIAL

October 22, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Lester:

Now that your state conference meeting is out of the way, I would appreciate it if you would give us a complete final report of your voter registration program, and also a final financial report. You should also send us a check for any unused portion of your VEP grant.

You have three or four letters from me which will require specific answers for our files. Please rush this to us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

October 22, 1964

Mr. Ralph Campbell, Sr.
President
Raleigh Branch NAACP
804 E. Edenton Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Campbell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you seek a grant in the amount of $740 in support of your ". . . . now completed voter registration campaign in Wake County."

It is true that we approved a tentative budget in the amount of $1,505 for a voter registration program in Wake County, North Carolina, for the period September 28 through October 24. It subsequently developed that the registration books closed in Wake County much earlier than had been anticipated when NAACP officers submitted a budget proposal to our office. We gave Rev. Ward verbal approval to spend a portion of the grant in support of a voter education drive in Wake County, and on October 15, instructed him that we would only permit the use of funds amounting to the difference between the amount already spent for voter registration in Wake County and the sum of $1,000.

The Voter Education Project has made no commitment to the Raleigh branch NAACP as all of our transactions have been with the NAACP national office and your state conference. When we made the grant, we reserved the wight to cancel any part of the program at any time. Your letter states a need for the sum of $740 in excess of the $1,000 already given you, but I

cannot tell whether you are claiming that these expenditures have already been made, or not. If the expenditures have already been made, then they are clearly outside the items approved in the budget, and cannot be allowed. If they have not been made, then I would question the wisdom of spending such a sum to get in touch with unregistered voters, as the deadline has passed.

Raleigh and Wake County have benefitted quite well from VEP funds during the past two years, and I am certain that you must be aware of the student program which we supported during the summer of 1962, and subsequent programs prior to the present NAACP program.

I regret that we cannot assist you further, but we see no reason for changing our original decision to terminate the Raleigh project.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Rev. Charles Ward
Mr. Nelly M. Alexander

WB

OCT 22 1964

RALEIGH BRANCH NAACP
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Office of President
Ralph Campbell, Sr.
804 E. Edenton Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director VEP
5 Forsyth Street NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

May I respectfully request the sum of $740.00 in order that the committments made in connection with our now completed Voter Registration Campaign in Wake County.

In setting up your budget for Wake County, you allocated $1505.00 to Wake County. Of that amount we have to date received $1000.00.

Anticipating the balance of our allocation of $505.00 we have bills out standing in the amoung of $740.00. The list for these committments is as follows:

10,000 names of unregistered Negroes in Wake County	
Names & Addresses are 1¢ each	$100.00
Postage	400.00
Clerical Assistance	100.00
Paper	50.00
Envelopes $9.00 per M	90.00
TOTAL	$740.00

It is true that the amount we have committed ourselves to spend exceeds the total amount allocated by you to Wake County by $235.00, we are hoping that you will see fit to allow us this additional $235.00. If not, we will be compelled to go to our already nearly depleted treasury to make up this deficit.

Again thanking you for your prior kindness and favors, I remain

Very truly yours,

Ralph Campbell, Sr.

Ralph Campbell, Sr., President
Raleigh Branch NAACP

cc: Rev. C. W. Ward
Kelly Alexander

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Oct. 26th. 1964
311 Pinkney St
Shelby N C

Dear Mr Tucker

Just a few lines to thank you for stopping by a few days ago and talking with me. also we want to thank you and the V-E-P for all the help they gave us.

We are quite proud of the Results we must have had something over 400. New Registers. It nearly worked me to death, (smile)

I have just finished my Report and sent it to Rev Charles W. Ward Raleigh N.C. I hope he finds it OK and will send me the Checks at once. He has been a little slow in sending me my Checks, But I understand he has quite a Jot.

I hope your Stay at the Motel was all Right. If ever in my area again Please drop by to see me

Sincerely
Ray Cabaniss
Coordinator
Cleveland County Chapter N-A-A-C-P
Shelby N C

Please thank the People in Atlanta the V-E-P

October 27, 1964

The Rev. Charles Ward
NAACP Voter Registration Office
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of October 26, 1964, in which I informed you that no additional funds would be sent to Mr. Gregg until we have received additional financial accounting, as your records show that you have approximately $2,500 on hand.

I also directed that you not pay any additional money to Charlotte in excess of the $500 already advanced to them, unless you get approval from our office.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Mr. N. L. Gregg

OCT 24 1964 WB

NAACP VOTER REGISTRATION
125 E.Hargett Street
Raleigh,North Carolina
October 23,1964

Mr.Wiley A.Branton
5 Forsyth Street,N.W.
Atlanta,Georgia

Dear Mr.Branton:

I have checked all of the reports and to the best of my judgment they are in order.

Mr.Gregg has informed me that it is necessary to ask for additional funds. In light of the fact that we are in our final week and all are making a special effort, I feel that we will be needing additional funds.

At the present time I am awaiting the report from Charlotte. I was told by Mr.Fred Alexander that he would have to go out of the state in connection with his regular job. He is the coordinator for Charlotte and I am sure that that is the reason that I have not received the complete report.

This week I went over the far reaching area where we have projects going and over all I was pleased with the progress that is being made.

Will you please send additional funds to Mr.N.L.Gregg
P.O.Box 1237
Greensboro.North Carolina

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Ward

Charles W.Ward
State Coordinator,NAACP
Coter Registration

Note:
~~WB talked with Mr. Ward on phone~~

VEP 4-48

Rec'd VOP 11/12/64

WD
JM

P. O. Box 166
Gatesville, North Carolina
October 28, 1964

Rev. Charles Ward
125 Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Rev. Ward:

Herewith, enclosed, are our final reports for the Voter Registration Campaign. I was real pleased when I learned that 490 persons had actually registered. Of course, our workers reported that they talked to many who were too ignorant and indifferent to get the idea over to them. No doubt, those same persons are illiterate.

The total number registered represents all seven townships and comes through the Chairman of the Gates County Board of Elections. He seemed quite pleased over our efforts to get more citizens registered.

Our Volunteer Workers have actually reported more miles than our allotment will cover, as our reports show. However, I am making a complete report to you and, if there is any way that we can be compensated for all miles driven, we will be grateful. Everyone worked very hard last week.

Mr. McLean sent his bill in the amount of $26.25. Since I had told him on the phone that we had only $25 to spend for the material, I trust that he can overlook the $1.25. I shall write him to that effect.

I have enjoyed this experience so very much and our volunteer workers have really done a fine job. They have agreed to help get our folk to get out to the polls and vote on November 3.

It is so good to know that we had no unpleasant incidents arise because of our people registering these past weeks. All the volunteer workers reported that the Registrars seemed very interested in helping all that they could.

We hold another meeting Sunday afternoon at 4:30, primarily to teach the use of the ballot. Some of the new registrants, of course, have never seen one.

We appreciate so much the help that we received through your office and I am sure that this has served as an incentive to encourage all of us to continually get more names on the registration books.

With kindest good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Elise T. Mitchell

Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, Coordinator
NAACP Voter Registration Campaign

ETM/s
Enc..

November 3, 1964

Mr. N. L. Gregg
1216 East Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina VEP 4-48

Dear Mr. Gregg:

I am enclosing our VEP check in the amount of $1,500 representing a further payment on the grant approved for the North Carolina NAACP voter project.

We received financial account from Rev. Ward over the weekend, and I talked with him by phone on Monday. I hope that this installment will enable Rev. Ward to pay all of the additional claims growing out of your recent registration program.

Our field investigation reveals that in many counties, it was not possible for effective use to be make of all of the money that had been allocated by this office, and we appreciate the businesslike attitude which you and Rev. Ward have manifested in helping us see that these funds have not been wasted.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encls: $1,500 check
cc: Rev. Charles Ward

WB

NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

N. L. GREGG,
ASSISTANT AGENCY DIRECTOR
1216 E. MARKET STREET
GREENSBORO, N. C. 27402

DURHAM · NORTH CAROLINA

NOV 4 1964

November 3, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Room 206-5th Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thanks for sending a copy of your letter to Rev. Ward. However, I wish to advise that you were correct as to the bank balance for that date, but at the same time, we have $1800 worth of outstanding checks written on the same date this balance was released to you. Therefore, our balance is far less at this time and is not sufficient to met the outstanding obligations which we have at present.

I am sending this letter in order that you might understand that our funds are at a low ebb.

Yours truly,

N. L. Gregg/n

N. L. Gregg, Treasurer
N. C. State Conference
NAACP Branches

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cc: Messrs. Kelly Alexander and Rev. C. W. Ward

VEP 4-48

Rec'd 11/12/64 WA -

125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, N. C.
November 10, 1964

Mr. W. A. Branton
Room 206 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Branton:

I am mailing our financial report under separate cover. You will find copies from checks totaling $3591.66.

In checking with Mr. N. L. Gregg, our State Treasurer of NAACP, I find that at present our correct balance is $2224.74. This means that we are short of funds to fulfil our present obligations by $1366.92.

I am sure this constitutes our major financial obligation but I am also sure there are some other bills and reports that have not reached my office. I am, however, withholding all final checks until all final reports are in. I have written all co-ordinators to this effect.

May I suggest that you send a minimum of $2000 which I feel will take care of all legitimate bills and close out our office.

My complete and comprehensive report will be in your office within the next few days. We can say at this point that the total number registered will exceed 15,000.

Yours truly,

C. W. Ward

C. W. Ward

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4-48

The Virginia State Conference
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

301 East Clay Street - Richmond, Virginia 23219

Phone: 644-5678 or 648-2435

L. Francis Griffin
President

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

November 11, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Wiley:

Enclosed are vouchers no. 0021 through 0056 with financial ledger sheets. This brings the balance in the Virginia State Conference-NAACP Voter Education Project to $250.33, with unpaid obligations yet to be met. I will upon my return to the office render you a complete report with the detailed explanations of certain items of expense as requested.

We in Virginia were elated over the results of our efforts. When you received our summary report, we believe that you will agree with us.

A sample of our area coordinator's report is enclosed with pertinent letters.

Hurriedly,

Lester

W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary

Enclosures

FINANCIAL COPY

VIA AIR MAIL

November 19, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

I tried to reach you by telephone today, and learned that you would not be back in the office until Monday. I am very disappointed that we have not yet received the financial reporting which you promised last week you would send to us last weekend.

Our records show that you have a balance on hand in the amount of $4,474.32, and we simply must have an immediate accounting from you. I remind you that one of the terms of the grant was your agreement to submit weekly financial accounting, but this has not been complied with. May we hear from you at once.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Dr. John Morsell

12-12-64

November 23, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

This will acknowledge receipt of your recent letter and partial financial reporting which was received in this office on November 20.

You state that you have outstanding obligations, but I can tell you now that it will be difficult for me to approve any additional funds for your program in light of your serious delinquency in keeping our office fully advised with reference to progress and financial reporting. While I have no idea as to the amount of your unpaid claims, I do not see how I can, in good faith, send money for a program which ended on October 3, so far as VEP is concerned, even though you did not use the full amount of the approved grant.

I will not attempt to reach a decision regarding this matter at this time, since I do not know the amount of your bills. I would suggest that you send us a detailed statement describing the outstanding bills and the amounts, but we should be furnished this information on or before December 1. A hurried inspection indicates the need for some supporting vouchers with the accounting just sent, and Mrs. Levine will write you separately regarding that.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

November 24, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Executive Secretary
Va. State Conference NAACP
301 East Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Mr. Banks:

Thank you for the financial reporting which we received in this office last week.

We realize that you are aware of our reporting requirements and so list below the information we are still in need of, merely as a reminder to you.

We need:

1. Accounting for checks #0019, 0022, and 0023.

2. Reimbursement to us in the amount of $33.53 for check imprinting. This was requested from you in our letter of October 7.

We call to your attention the fact that while you state you have a balance of $250.33, our records indicate you should have a balance of $416.50. Will you please check into this discrepancy.

As you know, the Voter Education Project is in its terminal phase and we must have final accounting, and a check for any unused portion of your grant immediately.

Sincerely,

WAB:jl

Wiley A. Branton

November 30, 1964

Mr. Fred Alexander
2140 Senior Drive
Charlotte 8, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Mr. Alexander:

I had intended to talk with you when you were in Atlanta for the annual SRC meeting, but the pace of the schedule did not permit it.

When I wrote you on November 16 regarding your Charlotte VEP program, it was not clear to me whether the Charlotte branch NAACP was seeking additional funds from VEP, or whether you were merely informing us of the total amount of your program which included funds received from VEP.

It is necessary that we close all of our accounts as rapidly as possible. If you are seeking additional funds from VEP in support of your last registration drive, then you should send a request to us in writing so that we will receive it no later than December 7, 1964, together with a reply to questions raised in our letter to you of November 16. If we have not heard from you by December 7, 1964, then we will assume that no additional funds are being sought by the Charlotte branch and will consider it a closed matter.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Rev. Charles W. Ward
Mr. N. L. Gregg

COPY

November 16, 1964

Mr. Fred Alexander
2140 Senior Drive
Charlotte 8, North Carolina

RE: VFP 4-48

Dear Mr. Alexander:

In a letter dated September 24, 1964, VFP made a grant to the North Carolina State Conference NAACP which included a tentative grant for registration work in Mecklenburg County amounting to $1,465. This program was scheduled to begin on September 28, and end on October 24. We subsequently learned that the registration books in Charlotte closed on October 12, nearly two weeks earlier than had been anticipated, when your proposal was submitted to us. We realixed then that you would not be in a position to make full use of the total amount allowed in your budget. Then, when the financial records submitted by Rev. Ward showed that Charlotte had been advanced the sum of $500 prior to the closing of the books, and no weekly progress or financial reporting had been submitted by that time, I directed Rev. Ward to terminate any further support to Charlotte, and to have all claims for that city submitted to me. Rev. Ward told me that he had received some accounting, but that it was not in proper form, and he had returned it to you.

It appears that you did not mail the accounting to Rev. Ward until November 9, and he sent it immediately so that it was received in our office on November 12. I am surprised to learn that the total amount which is claimed was spent totals $1,538.43. As you know, this program must comply with Internal Revenue requirements, and we simplymust have additional information if we are to consider further claims by the Charlotte branch. Please answer the following questions or supply the necessary information:

1) The program which we approved for Charlotte was to begin on September 28. Please explain why you had bills amounting to $500.755 for the week ending September 27.

2) Have all of your bills been paid by the Charlotte branch? (If so, we will need to examine the cancelled checks and receipts. If not, we will need a detailed llist of the names and addresses of each person or company to whom payment is owed.

3) We have no record of the results of your registration effort, and would like to know immddiately what you accomplished.

I remind you, Mr. Alexander, that VEP is a research program, and the Charlotte branch has not complied with the terms of the grant in that they failed to submit weekly financial and progress reporting, or to seek approval to change the dates of their program. We want to be as fair with the Charlotte branch as we can, but any further action on our part will be dependent upon satisfactory answers to the questions contained herein.

Very truly yours,

WAB

WAB:js
cc. Rev. Chas Ward
Mr. N. L. Gregg
Financial

VIA AIR MAIL

December 4, 1964

The Rev. Charles W. Ward
North Carolina State Conference NAACP
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

This will acknowledge receept of your financial accounting which arrived late yesterday. I have not had a chance to study it, but if there are any questions, we will get in touch with you.

I am sending your treasurer, Mr. Gregg, our check in the amount of $1,500 so that you will have sufficient funds to take care of the balance of the bills from your project. It is extremely important that you send us a final accounting as quickly as possible so that we can close out your account.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. N. L. Gregg
Financial

4-48

VIA AIR MAIL

November 30, 1964

The Rev. Charles Ward
North Carolina State Conference
NAACP
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

In your letter of November 24, 1964, you stated that, "Cancelled checks and deposit slips mailed under separate cover." As of 4 p. m. Monday, this material has not arrived and we need to have it before we can send your final grant payment.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. N. L. Gregg

NOV 25 1964

Air mail Special Del.

125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina
November 24, 1964

Mr. Wiley J. Branton
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Branton:

In keeping with your request, I cancelled all checks in my possession at the time of your telephone call and requested other checks in their stead minus the printing bill for Custom Reproduction Company. I also requested and have received refunds from all checks which I had mailed before your call came.

I cancelled checks numbered 0103, 0083, 0089, 0097, 0110, 0113, 0090, and 0087. These cancellations amounted to $904.28. I requested new checks amounting to $620.23. The difference saved from cancellation and refund is $581.10.

My last expenditures of $3,731.60 is reduced by $581.10 making that total $3,150.56. At the time of my last vouchers we had a balance of $2,224.plus. I requested $2,000.00 feeling that this would clear up all bills relating to closing out office, final telephone, rent, light and transportation of office equipment which was borrowed. Mr. Gregg has implied that he has not received anything for his service, nor his secretary but one small check. You might have a suggestion on this. At this time, I feel that $1,500.00 should be sufficient to close out.

I hope that this clears up the matter satisfactorily.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Ward

Charles W. Ward

CWW:mdv

Cancelled checks and deposit slips mailed under separate cover.

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November 16, 1964

The Rev. Charles Ward
501 South Bloodworth Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of November 14, 1964, in which I told you that VEP will not approve the several expenditures to Custom Reproduction Company, c/o Mr. Charles A. McLean, 632 Ashe Street, Greensboro, North Carolina, and which appear to total in excess of $500.

I have examined a sample of the material which was submitted by Mr. McLean, much of which I find to be the same material which was being used by NAACP throughout the South. VEP funds were used extensively through Mr. W. C. Patton's office to purchase similar materials for free distribution to NAACP programs throughout the South, and since North Carolina had the latest registration deadline, these materials could have been made available in large quantities at no cost to your project. The fact that Mr. McLean is Field Secretary of NAACP should have enabled him to provide the information as to where and how these materials could be furnished, and I simply cannot justify the use of VEP funds to pay something which was already available through VEP funds, and where payment is being made to, or through, an NAACP field secretary.

I stated my position to you on the phone, and requested that you not mail any of the checks which you have on hand, and that you should reissue the checks, less the amount of the payments to Custom Reproduction Company. It appears to average around $43 for each county. You were also requested to notify those counties where checks had already been mailed, to send the amount owed Custom Reproduction back to you, and you should seek reimbursement

from Mr. McLean for any sums already paid over to him.

When you issue your new checks, you should send us a list of the checks previously submitted, which are to be voided, and it will not be necessary that you submit new vouchers or receipts. You should also let us know what funds you have recovered where checks had already been sent.

I note that Check Number 100 was issued to Freddie C. Hill on November 9 for $35, and Check Number 110 was issued to the same party for the same amount on November 10, but there is only one voucher. Was a second check sent to Freddie C. Hill through error?

We will try to work with you as best we can in closing out this account in a manner that will be satisfactory to all of us but we cannot advance additional funds until we have been assured that the matters raised herein have been taken care of.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. W. L. Gregg
Mr. Kelly Alexander
Mr. Charles McLean

December 7, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference
NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

Since we have heard nothing further from you regarding any outstanding obligations from your voter project since our letter to you of November 23, I am this date, withdrawing any VEP commitment for the unpaid portion of the tentative grant which VEP made to the Virginia State Conference. We had requested information regarding any additional bills on or before December 1.

Last week I sent you photocopies of letters which have gone unanswered, and while you have given me the information orally on most of it, I have explained that we must have the information in writing for our files. Of special importance to us at the moment is the need for some kind of comprehensive report describing your voter registration program and the results obtained, with as much information as possible from each county or city where you were working. I would hope that you could get this to us by December 19. You are also requested to send us a final financial report, together with any refund from the unused portion of the grant paid to you by December 19.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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Please direct reply to:

W. C. Patton, Associate Director
Registration & Voting
234 Hernando Street
Memphis 5, Tennessee
525-6057
527-8264

DEC 9 1964

December 7, 1964

MEMORANDUM

TO: WILEY A. BRANTON, ESQ.

FROM: W. C. PATTON

In regards to your request for the balance of VEP funds on hand, according to the ledger the balance is now $981.86.

December 16, 1964

The Rev. Charles W. Ward
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

Thank you for your letters received December 10, together with the financial reporting and progress reporting.

In checking the records, it appears that you should have recovered approximately $45 more on the Custom Reproductions refunds than shown by your deposits, but there was no way of knowing what county failed to return the money. I would therefore suggest that you let us know where you obtained the refunds so that we can see where the missing amount is. If the $44.50 owed by Rev. Hampton was never deposited to your VEP account, then this would explain it, but we assume that his check was included on the deposit slip sent to us. Please advise. I am writing Rev. Hampton, a copy of the letter being enclosed for your files.

In connection with your final telephone bill, please let us know whether or not you have a deposit slip, and if so, would not the deposit exceed the amount of the final bill?

I can readily understand that you would owe Rev. F. L. Andrew the sum of $42.75 as a result of the error in voiding both of his other checks, but I cannot understand why you would owe him any more than this, and why you would owe Rev. J. L. Scott anything at all. Our audit report shows that both men had filed their final claims for the period ending October 24, 1964, and since we did not allow anything for a "Get-Out-The Vote" campaign, it is difficult for us to see why there should be additional bills. If there is anything which you feel we should know to understand the situation better, then by all means, let us know at once, for we simply must close this account.

We have received no reply from Mr. Ered Alexander to our letters of November 16 and 30, respectively, and therefore consider the Charlotte account as closed.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Financial

Return to WB

WB

NAACP VOTER REGISTRATION
125 E.Hargett Street
Raleigh,North Carolina

DEC 19 1966

Mr.Wiley A.Branton
5 Forsyth Street,N.W.
Atlanta,Georgia

Dear Mr.Branton:

I am writing this personal note to say that one of the checks which I received as refund from the printing has been returned to me marked lack of sufficient funds. It was a check from
The Reverend J.R.Hampton
631 Wall Street
Sanford,N.C.

The Reverend Hampton was the coordinator for Lee county. I called him last week and informed him that his check in the amount of $44.50 has been returned to me for lack of sufficient funds. He promised to send a money order immediately, but as of this date, I have not heard from him.

Perhaps you may want to write. I don't feel inclined to write or call further on this matter. At least three calls have been placed in this connection.

It is my hope that you find my final report in satisfactorily condition.

I know that I will have to make a supplemental report when the last check is written and whatever balance in treasurer will await your word.

We need approximately $150.00, since some last minute bills have come in which seem to be legitimate.

It has been a pleasure to work with you and for VEP.

Sincerely,
Charles W.Ward

Charles W. Ward

VEP 4-48

NAACP VOTER REGISTRATION
125 E.Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

December 8, 1964

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Branton:

My report is being mailed today under separate covers. I hope that I have adequately covered the subject matter required of you.

Financial accounting

1. Total received from your office	$ 9,000.00
2. Deposited , on returned from printing	297.05
Total	$ 9,297.05
Spent through December 6th	$ 8,580.44
Balance	$ 716.61
Spent through December 8th	$ 447.38
Balance Dec. 8th	$ 269.23

Bills outstanding

1. Balance on telephone bill after cut off. I don't know what this is until I get final bill. Should not be more than $15.00 or $20.00.

2. Rev. John L. Scott	Hartford Co	$ 200.00
3. Rev. F. L. Andrew	Benjamin	136.25 - 4275
		$ 356.25

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We need about $150.00.

This would make a total of $ 9,150.00 spent in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Ward

Charles W. Ward

CWW/em

December 16, 1964

The Rev. J. R. Hampton
631 Wall Street
Sanford, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Hampton:

It was learned recently that funds had been sent to you and other county leaders which included money to pay Custom Reproductions for certain supplies. We immediately notified Rev. Charles Ward that any expenditures to Custom Reproductions, under the circumstances, could not be allowed. We requested that he not send any such checks which had not been mailed, and that he immediately recover the funds from those counties which had already received a check.

Our files reflect that a check was sent to you which included the sum of $44.50 for Custom Reproductions, and that you subsequently sent this check for this amount to Rev. Ward, but that it failed to clear your bank.

Our project is under close scrutiny from federal Internal Revenue, and it is important that these funds be recovered before our next audit. Will you please send us a cashier's check or money order made payable to VEP at once so that we can close your account. Your immediate cooperation will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Rev. Charles Ward
Financial

MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE
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JURISDICTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY
FRED D ALEXANDER 33°
334 BEATTY FORD ROAD P O BOX 1433
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

DEC 29 1964

December 21,1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Permit me to commend you for the excellence of your report and the grand success of the VEP. Every one expressed gratification over the results achieved, and had nothing but praise for your direction of the program.

I am, indeed, sorry that I am just getting around to answering your letter of November 15. I would have gladly discussed the Charlotte program with you, if I had seen your letter, at that time, but, I came into Atlanta direct from Detroit and did not see your letter until my return from Atlanta. I left, immediately, for other engagements, so, I did not have time to handle any of my mail that required my personal attention. I have just completed the last of my travel appointments for this year, and am now trying to catch up on a desk full of correspondence.

When I learned that North Carolina, at such a late date, had been granted VEP funds and, the amount of $1465.00 had been allocated for use in Mecklenburg County, we were, already, in the midst of our program. I, immediately, stepped up our program to an all out action program merely on the knowledge of funds being available, knowing nothing about report forms, or, having the first dollar in hand - our dead line for registration being October 12.

It would have been wonderful if funds could have been received just a bit earlier. Where programs had been organized before hand, it could have been a great help. Where they had not been, time did not permit the organization of a big program that could have been so helpful, and we needed funds in North Carolina so much. Frankly, I feel that it was just a nice gesture, under the circumstances, done with the knowledge of the fact that money could not be distributed across the state and programs set up effectively within such a short pperiod of time. The fact that our Charlotte program was underway made it possible for us to add to the program and jam in what could not have been done otherwise. If I had known that we were not going to get the funds that we had been told had been allocated to us, our program would not have been extended to the limits to which we did go in the final days.

Charlotte was sent $500.00. It was my understanding that the balance of the $1465. was forth coming. Then it was that I learned of the reporting side of the program, and, was given two forms. Having finished our effort. I made my report on the forms in hand, covering our effort in one report. This report was sent in. We received a letter from our Mr. Gregg telling us that another $500.00 was in the mail to us. This $500.00 we did not receive. Iwas told by Rev. Ward that the report sent in covering our completed work could not be accepted, and, that I would have to make out a report for each week of the activity. Iasked him to send me acomplete set of forms required for reporting, so I could prepare them as he instructed, on my return from a trip to New York. This was done and three sets of reports (in duplicate) were sent to him, with supporting materials. Evidently, you must not have seen these reports.

Your letter suggest "surprise" at the fact of such expense totaling $1538.43. Perhaps, I read the wrong inference, but, I am sure that you did not mean to imply that I was plain lieing about our project. Experience must let you know that a program, in this field, can be activated within the range of any amount of funds available. When I showed this figure of expense, I was not concerned, solely, with the amount of money allocated. I did not realize that I should only make what was done equal $1465.00.

I thought that all items of expense had been explained as the reports called for on the report sheets. Separate copies were finally made for each week and sent To Rev Ward. Perhaps you were not sent these final copies. As I have Aforesaid, our project was well underway before I knew we wou d have any funds from VEP. Although, I was hoping that we would get some assistance, if I had waited until I had received funds in hand to formulate a program, we would have been unable to do one thing. Your letter furnishes me the first knowledge that our activity was to have a starting dates as of September 28. Our closing day for registration, in Charlotte, was October 12.

The $500.00 we did receive, was received by our local N. A. A. C. P. chapter, and was expended by checks from our chapter treasury, signed by our chapter treasurer. When I was ready to settle all expense, after registration, then I learned that no more funds had been received in our local office. Well, you don't have people waiting on money, in this type of activity, at least, I don't, and, I had no intention of telling any of them that they would have to wait until organizational, procedural, problems were solved, before they could be paid.

You state in your third question that you have no record of our results. One of the report sheets that I completed was a summary sheet, and, I am sure it was ststed on that sheet that we registered 1536 people through our effort. We felt that we accomplished much, under the circumstances. Faced with problems, local in nature, registration wasn't an easy job, and, it will not be now, until we can convince the masses that going to the election board doesn't mean a subpoena. The Hawkins episode has not helped the job of registration here, but, has raised issues we have never had to face before. The statement, "no sir! you aint gonna get me in no court, faces us now on every turn. It was no advantage to the Negroes of Charlotte for a fight to have been created within the election board. We had never had any problem, from official sources, in registration here.

Permit me to say, finally, that regardless of what must be misunderstanding somewhere, I labored under the impression that the only thing holding up the balance of the $1465.00 was the making out of reports on a weekly basis. This was done as instructed, though, I admit, late as far as dates were concerned.

I was told that Mecklenburg County had an allocation of $1465.00. It was my understanding that the money was in North Carolina. Then I was told that we would not receive any more funds other than the $500.00 already received, and, that the balance of the allocation wou d come to us from Atlanta. I thought this strange procedure, but, gave it no strong consideration, at that time.

I have no knowledge of a request for a second grant having been made. It was my thinking that the amount of $1465.00 was what had been allocated, and, therefore, what we could spend. We did receive $500.00. We did and do expect the balance of $965.00.

Your letter of the 30th of November informs me that if a second request for funds is desired, it should have been in by December 7. I am aware of the fact that the 7th has passed, and, therefore, this opportunity has passed us by. I stand confounded as to why the balance of the sum of $1465.00 was not given to us and cannot be given to us.

With the city elections coming up in May, If I had known that a second grant was any where in the range of possibility, I would have made such a request pronto, and, will do so now, if such is still possible.

I hope you can now understand how sorry I am that I did not have the knowledge of the contents of your letter before my coming to Atlanta, and, I am further non-plussed over the fact that you had written me such a letter, received no answer, and made no effort, at all, to speak to me about it while I was there. Certainly, we could have found time to discuss such matters that were so important.

Sincerely yours,

Fred D. Alexander

Fred D. Alexander

FINANCIAL COPY

December 29, 1964

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

In my letter to you of December 7, I had requested a final financial report and refund of any unused portion of your grant by December 19. When I had not heard from you by December 22, I attempted to reach you by phone and learned that you were on vacation until after January 1. Will you please give top priority to the matter of sending us an up-to-date financial report and refund of any unused portion of your grant immediately upon your return. Our records reveal that you have a balance on hand unaccounted for in the amount of $1,318.42. Your serious delinquency in this regard is causing us a great deal of difficulty in our auditing as we try to close the VEP program. I also would remind you of the other information we have requested repeatedly.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

January 11, 1965

The Rev. Charles Ward
NAACP Voter Registration Office
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

Your letter of December 31 did not arrive until after I had left for Arkansas, where I told you I would be for the rest of the week.

It appears that you need approximately $35 together with what you now have on hand to enable you to pay the outstanding bills, including the final telephone bill, and I am sending a check for said amount to Mr. N. L. Gregg.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. N. L. Gregg

newspaper clips in Analysis file.

WB
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501 S.Bloodworth Street
Raleigh,North Carolina
December 10,1964

DEC 11 1964

Mr.Wiley A.Nranton
5 Forsyth Street Room 206
Atlanta,Georgia

Dear Mr.Branton:

In my letter to you dated December 9,1964, I failed to include some newspaper clippings which I had intended to send. Enclosed please find clippings taken from The Raleigh Times dated December 1,1964 and a follow up story taken from the News and Odserver dated December 2,1964. I think that in these two stories you can get a better ides of what is being said concerning the value of the Negro vote in North Carolina.

The other matter concerns the omission indicating that I was sending a copy of the letter to The Reverend J.R.Hampton. It is my hope that a letter to you and a copy having gone to him, will suffice to have the money returned.

I am sending copies of my report to the following persons:
Mr.Kelly Alexander
112 N.Irwin Street
Charlotte,N.C.

Mr.N.L.Gregg
1216 E.Market Street
Greensboro,N.C.

Mr.John Brooks
301 East Clay Street
Richmond,Va.

Mr.John Morsell
20 West 40th.Street
New York,New York

Mr.John Edwards
1207 Hazel Street
Durham,N.C.

Mr.Charles McLean
1453 Hattie Avenue
Winston-Salem,N.C.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Ward

Charles W.Ward

December 31,1964

The Reverend J.R.Hampton
601 Walls Street
Sanford,North Carolina

Dear Brother Hapton:

I received your check this morning in the amount of Forty Four Dollars ($44.00). As I recall this is $.50 short of the amount which was sent to you. I do not know whether you took out for the cost of the check or not but I should think that Mr.Branton would feel that this is your expense since your original check did not clear your bank.Even that check was $.05 short and I assumed that you were taking out for postage. ps excl.

Today,I am sending your check to Mr.Branton and a copy of this letter. I am also returning your other check which did not clear your bank.

Thank you for your cooperation and I hope that this clears the matter satisfactorily to all concerned.

Sincerely,

Charles W.Ward

I am notifying Mr.Gregg of your check.

I need to send a letter because Mr. N.L. Gregg has been working on him for this check. They are of the same church. I will write another letter, however.
C.W.Ward

FINANCIAL COPY

January 11, 1965

Mr. W. Lester Banks
Virginia State Conference NAACP
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

RE: VEP 4-46

Dear Lester:

I know that you were out of the office for several days on vacation, and that this was followed by your annual staff meeting in New York, but now that you are back in the office, will you please give immediate attention to my several unanswered letters, and particularly to the financial accounting.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

January 18, 1965

Mr. Fred D. Alexander
P. O. Box 1433
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Since we have heard nothing further from you in reply to my letter of December 31, 1964, we are closing our file on the Charlotte VEP program. I would like to think that my last letter fully explained everything to you, and that you now have no reason to question any of our actions in regard to Charlotte.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Rev. Charles Ward
Mr. Kelly Alexander

December 31, 1964

Mr. Fred D. Alexander
P. O. Box 1433
Charlotte, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Mr. Alexander:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 21, 1964, but apparently not mailed until December 27. Because of the seriousness of the questions and complaints raised by your letter, and the fact that you are a member of the Southern Regional Council, I feel I should write you a detailed answer.

There are three basic rules which cover your Charlotte situation, and which I would like for you to keep in mind throughout this letter:

1) Our tax exemption from Internal Revenue requires that we not pay for any program which has already been completed, and this means that we must give prior approval to a program before VEP funds may be used, and we must maintain the proper research objectives during the life of the project. This necessitates prompt progress and financial reporting to VEP.

2) We never make grants for work by local affiliates such as NAACP unless we receive a request from the national office. Mr. John Brooks was assigned this responsibility for the states of North Carolina and Virginia by NAACP.

3) We require the use of a voucher check system on all grants with copies of all checks written or voided being sent to us weekly. This financial reporting must also be followed by local affiliates where direct grants are made to them by their national or state offices.

VEP made its first grants on May 4, 1962, at which time a grant was made to the national NAACP for a 90-day crash program which included assignments in High Point, Fayetteville, Charlotte, Rocky Mount, Wilmington, and Eatonton, North Carolina. The progress reporting on the North Carolina projects were very unsatisfactory, but we were not very technical since we were just getting off the ground at that time. On October 8, 1962, we made a grant to the national NAACP in the amount of $22,000 for VEP work during the period October 10, 1962 through March 31, 1963, which included registration programs in Charlotte, Rocky Mount, and Wilmington, North Carolina. This program had been over several months before we received any reports from North Carolina. Our files reflect several letters and telephone calls to John Brooks or John Morsell seeking information regarding the North Carolina programs.

Mr. W. C. Patton of NAACP had charge of all of the states in the South with the exception of North Carolina and Virginia, which came under Mr. Brooks' supervision, and we received generally satisfactory cooperation from Mr. Patton, with excellent cooperation in certain areas, and especially when we made a special request of him. I regret to say that the situation was entirely the opposite where NAACP was concerned in North Carolina and Virginia.

Following the end of our first fiscal year on March 31, 1963, we received no request for any NAACP-approved programs anywhere in North Carolina during the balance of 1963. We had received an inquiry regarding a possible grant from Dr. R. A. Hawkins as early as November 20, 1962, but declined to make the grant because of the fact that we were making grants for Charlotte through NAACP at that time. When NAACP failed to submit any request for programs, despite our urging to Mr. Brooks and others, we started making some local grants for registration programs in North Carolina, and on September 6, 1963, we made a grant to Dr. Hawkins' group for work in Charlotte and this program continued through the fall.

In addition to the Charlotte program, we made grants through other agencies or local organizations for registration programs in Greensboro, High Point, Durham, Raleigh, Asheville, Wilson,

Warrenton, and Enfield, and for some of the eastern shore counties.

Kelly Alexander wrote me on December 17, 1963, requesting information regarding procedure for the state conference to seek VEP support and his letter was promptly answered, in detail, on December 21, 1963. I received a nine-month budget proposal from Kelly on February 6, 1964, in which he suggested that I contact John Morsell and John Brooks regarding the amount the national office would contribute to the North Carolina program, despite the fact that my letter to him of December 21 had specifically requested that he ". . . discuss all of this with John Brooks before presenting any financial request to us." Kelly's letter was followed by a letter dated February 13, 1964, from Rev. Charles W. Ward who wrote at Kelly's request. On February 27, 1964, I wrote Kelly, with copies going to Rev. Ward and John Morsell, in which I again stated that ". . . any request for financial assistance to NAACP branches or state conferences of Branches should be submitted to us through a representative of the national staff . . ." Months went by without any reply from anyone.

Our field reports showed strong local NAACP interest for registration programs, and we passed this information on to the national NAACP officials, and encouraged them to get a VEP program going in those areas, but we received no request from the national office. That was the reason for the support of so many local programs. I was disturbed by the failure of NAACP to conduct VEP programs in North Carolina and Virginia, and communicated my concern to Roy Wilkins, who apparently discussed it with John Morsell. In August of 1964, we received an inquiry from Mrs. U. S. Brooks, president of the Charlotte NAACP branch regarding the possibility of a VEP program. I personally answered her letter on August 10, and informed her that we could only consider a request for an NAACP chapter which had the approval from Mr. Brooks' office, and suggested that she submit her proposal to him immediately and send us a copy. A copy of my letter was sent to Dr. Morsell and to Mr. Brooks. About this same time, Dr. Morsell phoned me to discuss the entire North Carolina situation re NAACP, and on August 10, I wrote him a letter stating that VEP would consider a request

from NAACP for a grant for any county in North Carolina, with the exception of four or five where we felt we had strong local programs. A copy of this letter was sent to Mr. Kelly Alexander and to Mr. John Brooks.

We were very much pleased to receive a formal request from Kelly Alexander and Rev. Charles Ward seeking a grant for registration programs in 22 counties in North Carolina, and accompanied by a request approval from John M. Brooks. Both the proposal from the North Carolina conference, and the letter from John Brooks indicated that the programs would run during the period "September 28 through October 24" and Charlotte was included in the proposal. This proposal was received in the VEP office on August 24, 1964, and I immediately phoned John Brooks and verbally gave tentative approval and confirmed this in a letter to Kelly Alexander dated August 28, so as to set in motion the financial arrangements in order that the program could start on schedule on September 28. Although the budget request was reduced slightly, we assigned NAACP all 22 of the counties requested and sent a preliminary check of $4,000 to your state treasurer on September 25, 1964 with a letter to Kelly Alexander indicating that the money was in support of the program " . . . which we understood will run from September 28 through October 24, 1964." Copies of the letter were sent to Messrs. Gregg, Ward, and Morsell, with instructions for financial reporting being sent separately to Mr. Gregg and Rev. Ward. I am enclosing a set of instructions and ask you to particularly note items 12 and 13, as they require the Charlotte program to submit weekly financial reporting, as this program was not to start until September 28. Because of the fact that the books were open in North Carolina longer than in any other state, we were able to send more staff people into this state, and when we learned that the books had closed on October 12 in Charlotte and Raleigh, I wrote Rev. Ward on October 15, 1964 that he should not pay out any more VEP money to either city, and sent copies of the letter to Messrs. Kelly Alexander and Gregg. At that time, we should have already had in our office an accounting of the $500 sent to the Charlotte branch on October 2. (We had received accounting from Raleigh and from the state office for their respective expenditures). When this letter was written on October 15, we had received no information from anyone advising us that the Charlotte program would start, or had

started earlier than September 28, nor had we received any accounting of any expenditures, or any information regarding the number of people registered, despite the fact that the books had closed.

Rev. Ward wrote me on October 20 that he was " . . . having to return Charlotte's financial report at the request of Mr. Kelly Alexander, due to the lack of supporting receipts, vouchers, and field expense report blanks." In reviewing my files today, I note that your letter stated that the progress report from Charlotte showing financial tabulations was enclosed, but the office secretary made a notation upon opening the letter that there was no such enclosure. I talked with Rev. Ward on October 26, and learned that he still had not received the financial reporting from Charlotte, and at that time, I told him not to pay Charlotte any more money beyond the $500 which had already been sent, unless he received approval from our office. I confirmed this by letter on the same date. At that time, we still had not received anything from Charlotte, progress or financial.

The responsibility for seeing to it that Charlotte fully understood what they were to do rested primarily with Rev. Ward as director, and with the state conference of branches. This was the first time that we had ever made a grant to any NAACP state conference. I discussed the Charlotte delinquency with Rev. Ward nearly every time we talked, and it appears that you mailed the financial reporting to him on November 9, and he immediately sent it on to us, and this is what prompted my letter to you of November 16.

Considering the above facts, how in good faith could I justify the use of VEP funds for any payments or program prior to September 28 and expect to maintain the integrity of our tax exemption? Your letter of December 21 implies that we gave money to North Carolina at the last minute as " . . . just a nice gesture." We have honored every request promptly which we have received from NAACP in North Carolina where it complied with our requirements, and which had the approval of John Brooks' office. Any delay in getting a program started has been due entirely to the lack of diligence on the part of either Mr. Brooks, or the North Carolina state conference.

I assure you that I did not mean to imply that I thought you were lying about your project, but I do admit that I am still "surprised" over the amount of your expenditures, but this stems from the fact that you apparently started your program without any notification, or without any approval from us, followed by your failure to send us any information concerning your expenditures until nearly a month after your program had ended. We had every reason to believe that this program started in accordance with the terms of the grant. The copies of the weekly financial reports which you sent to Rev. Ward have been received, but I do not regard them as adequately supported by vouchers or receipts.

Even with all of the delinquency of the Charlotte branch, we were willing to consider the matter as evidenced in our letter to you of November 16. You state that you were "non-plussed" over the fact that I made no effort to speak to you about the matter when you were in Atlanta, since I had received no answer from you. The letter had been written only three or four days before you came to Atlanta, and I did not feel that you had had adequate time in which to respond, in addition to the tight schedule that all of us were on. You apparently had knowledge of the letter since you discussed it with Leslie Dunbar, and indicated to him that I had asked for a lot of information which you did not have. When you had not answered my letter by November 30, I again wrote and told you that we must have the information by December 7 if we were to consider any additional payments to Charlotte. We heard nothing further from you until December 29. You should know as well as anyone that we are trying to terminate all of our accounts, but even at this late date, I am willing to consider additional payments to the Charlotte branch, but it is going to be extremely difficult for me to approve payments which were made prior to September 28.

Will you please let me know how the bills of the Charlotte branch were paid, and if they were paid by check. If they were paid by check, then I will have to examine the cancelled checks and supporting receipts and vouchers. If the bills have not been paid, then I will need the names and addresses of persons to whom payment is owed supplied in a detailed list.

If you want us to consider this matter further, then I request that you submit it to us by January 10, 1965, and if it has not

been received by then, I cannot, in all honesty, see how you would expect us to consider the matter any further. If there is any additional information which you would like from us, then please let me know, and I will attempt to furnish the same.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: Instructions for Reporting VEP
Fund Expenditures
cc: Rev. Charles Ward
Mr. Kelly Alexander
Mr. John Brooks
Dr. John Morsell

January 18, 1965

The Rev. Charles Ward
NAACP Voter Registration Office
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

In reviewing your letter of December 31, and checking previous financial reports, it appears that your check no. 0086 in the amount of $204.31 included a payment for the sum of $42.75 to Custom Reproduction Company for Alamance County. It appears that you never recovered this $42.75 from Alamance County, and this probably explains the difference I questioned in my letter of December 16.

I know what a difficult job you have had in trying to get cooperation from all of the various county leaders, and particularly where your program was conducted on a crash basis. I feel that you have done an excellent job, and I want you to know that we appreciate the excellent cooperation which you have shown to the Voter Education Project.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. N. L. Gregg
Mr. Kelly Alexander

January 11, 1965

The Rev. Charles Ward
NAACP Voter Registration Office
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

Your letter of December 31 did not arrive until after I had left for Arkansas, where I told you I would be for the rest of the week.

It appears that you need approximately $35 together with what you now have on hand to enable you to pay the outstanding bills, including the final telephone bill, and I am sending a check for said amount to Mr. N. L. Gregg.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. N. L. Gregg

WB

Recd 1/4/65

501 S.Bloodworth Street
Raleigh,North Carolina
December 31,1964

Mr.Wiley A.Branton
5 Forsyth Street,N.W.
Atlanta,Georgia

Check # 0086
20.4.31
rec'd 42.75 Custom Rep Co.
Burlington, Alamance Co.
VEP 4:48

Dear Mr.Branton:

I was out of town when your letter of December 16th. came and it has taken a little time to get all of the information together.

The following county chairmen made requisitions for printing in account with Custom Reproduction and checks were drawn for the same:

Bertie----------	$45.00	Northampton----	$43.50
Buncombe--------	42.60	Pasquotank-----	42.75
Cleveland-------	42.75	Perquimans-----	42.75
Currituck-------	42.75	Pitts----------	57.50
Gates----------	25.00	Tyrrell--------	42.75
Lee----------	44.50	Washington-----	42.75

Checks to the following counties were voided and new checks were written excluding the amounts for printing due Custom Reproduction: Currituck-------$42.75, Northampton---$43.50, Perquimans $42.75, Tyrrell $42.75 and Washington $42.75. Total saved from these checks $214.50.

These returned the amounts to me:Buncombe $42.60, Cleveland $42.75, Gates $25.00, Lee $44.45and Pasquotank $42.75. Total $197.55.

These had paid Mr.McLean which he sent to me: Bertie $45.00 and Pitts $57.50. Total $102.50. Mr.McLean sent me$99.50.

I deposited $297.05 which my report should show. This is the total returned to me from the county chairmen and from Mr. McLean.

The amount from The Reverend Hampton was in my total deposited.

As for The Reverends Scott and Andrews, this is what they say: Mr.Scott says that late bills came in from his county workers and that these seem to be legitimate bills thus accounting for his request.This, he says was connected with registration and not with getting out the vote.

Mr.Andrews says his amount was due form a previous voucher which I had overlooked. I have found the voucher to which he refers and am enclosing it herewith. I talked with him this morning and we agreed that the amount for printing has been deducted in his last check sent.

We had no deposit on the telephone. The company was good enough to install it on my word.

Sincerely, Charles W. Ward
Charles W.Ward

Our present balance is $223.57 + 44.00 = 267.57

Bills outstanding:

Rev.F.L.Andrews	$136.25
Rev.J.L.Scott	141.70
Light bill	1.30
Telephone ?	
Total needed	$279.25

Plus telephone bill final payment.

299
267
32

100.99
65.38
166.37

267.57
~~14.37~~

267.57
35.00
302.57
166.37
134.20

REPORT

NAACP VOTER-REGISTRATION
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

TO: NAACP
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Gentlemen:

As State Chairman of NAACP Voter - Registration, I submit the following report:

In the summer of this year NAACP officials made request of Voter Education Project for funds with which to conduct a voter registration campaign.

VEP selected the following twenty (20) counties as those in which it was willing to spend money for voter registration purposes:

Bertie, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitts, Tyrrell, Washington, Northampton, Gaston, Cleveland, Buncombe, Lee, Granville, Alamance, Wayne, and Harnett.

Subsequently two additional counties were approved to be included in the original budget. These counties are Mecklenburg and Wake.

It was suggested by VEP that a proposed budget be worked out, subject to approval of VEP. At the request of Mr. Kelly Alexander, President of the State Conference of Branches NAACP, Mr. John Brooks assisted by Rev. C. W. Ward worked out the following proposed budget:

For the twenty (20) counties - $495.00 each
Mecklenburg County - $1,495.00
Wake County - $1,505.00
Operation of State Office - $780.00

VEP approved the following:

Twenty (20) counties - $400.00 each = Total of $8,000.00
Mecklenburg County - $1,465.00; Wake County - $1,505.00
State Office - $780.00.
(With the stipulation that all money be spent for Voter registration and none on a partician political basis).

Mr. John Edwards was to work with Rev. Ward in organizing the counties with his expenses being paid by NAACP. At the outset five counties were assigned to Mr. Edwards. Due to the fact that some others were in close proximity to those already assigned, two additional counties were assigned to Mr. Edwards. The thirteen remaining counties were assigned to Rev. Ward with the understanding that he was to supervise the work in all counties. Since Mecklenburg is the home county of President Alexander, Mr. Alexander chose to be responsible for seeing to it that Mecklenburg was organized and working.

It was reported by Mr. Edwards that the president of the Harnett County NAACP Branch refused to accept the money allocated for his Branch under existing rules. Mr. Edwards and Rev. Ward were unable to find Coordinators for Martin and Gaston counties in time to promote a voter registration campaign. Gaston county is on permanent registration and their books closed early as in the case of Mecklenburg and Wake counties.

In the beginning all of the original twenty (20) counties were organized but the three mentioned above, plus Mecklenburg and Wake. Later, with the consent of Mr. Branton, Onslow and Jones counties were organized.

The composite report will show the following:

> Twenty-one (21) counties participated, 850 persons were involved in the campaign, some $8,857.55 was spent and 15,762 persons were registered.
>
> NAACP carried on its Voter Registration in other counties where VEP was not also active in financial support. From reports and estimates approximately 37,000 were registered in the remaining 79 counties, making a total of approximately 50,000 to 52,000 added to the books in October and November.
>
> For the May Primary approximately 50,000 were added. It is safe to say 100,000 new Negro registrants have been added to the books in 1964.

Since Mecklenburg and Wake counties are on a permanent registration basis, the books closed October 12th; at the time the books closed, the report showed that $1,000.00 had been spent in Wake County and no additional money was appropriated. Mecklenburg's report shows that $1,565.00 was spent. Only $500.00 has been sent to Mecklenburg and Mr. Branton has that report under study and advisement.

Many of the counties in which the Campaign was waged are primarily rural counties with farming being the chief occupation in several. A number are in the section sometimes referred to as the Black Belt. In some counties,

especially in the east, Negroes constitute more than 50% of the population. In some Congressional Districts, Negroes approximate almost 50% of the population. In such counties or districts, it is reported to be common for "slowing tactics" to be used by some Registrars in registering Negroes.

Mr. Ward and Mr. Edwards are indebted to NAACP officials, both State and National and to Voter Education Project for advice and financial assistance given in this project.

Signed:

Charles W. Ward, Chairman
State Political Action Committee

John Edwards, Special Assistant

CWW:mdv

COUNTY	BUDGET ALLOWED	SPENT	SURPLUS	NUMBER REGISTERED	DEFICIT
Alamance	$ 400.00	$ 337.14	$ 62.86	2005	$
~~Bertie~~	~~400.00~~	~~333.83~~	~~66.17~~	575	
~~Buncombe~~	~~400.00~~	~~264.48~~	~~135.52~~	278	
Chowan	400.00	417.93		193	17.93
~~Cleveland~~	~~400.00~~	~~337.76~~	~~62.24~~	1000	
~~Currituck~~	~~400.00~~	~~336.58~~	~~63.42~~	142	
~~Gates~~	~~400.00~~	~~413.31~~		490	13.31
Granville	400.00	263.58	136.42	975	
Hertford	400.00	293.62	106.38	275	
Jones	Late Entry	70.00		3	
~~Lee~~	~~400.00~~	~~396.75~~	~~3.25~~	300	
~~Northhampton~~	~~400.00~~	~~326.50~~	~~73.50~~	120	
Onslow	Late Entry	309.00		1030	
~~Pasquotank~~	~~400.00~~	~~631.21~~		842	231.21
~~Perquimans~~	~~400.00~~	~~319.25~~	~~80.70~~	275	
~~Pitts~~	~~400.00~~	~~178.50~~	~~221.50~~	900	
~~Tyrrell~~	~~400.00~~	~~249.02~~	~~150.98~~	94	

COUNTY	BUDGET ALLOWED	SPENT	SURPLUS	NUMBER REGISTERED	DEFICIT
Washington	$ 400.00	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	700	$
Wayne	400.00	414.76		2500	14.76
Total spent for 21 counties - - -		$6,093.22			
Wake	1500.00	1,000.00	505.00	1529	
Mecklenburg	1465.00	500.00	965.00	1536	
Total spent in 2 counties - - -		$ 1,500.00			
STATE OFFICE	780.00	1,264.33			

TOTALS

Spent in 19 counties - -	$6,093.22
Surplus for 19 counties - -	1,362.99
Deficit for 21 counties - -	277.21
Spent in 2 counties - -	1,500.00
Surplus for 2 counties - -	1,470.00
Surplus for all counties - -	2,832.99
Deficit for State Office - -	484.33

Spent in all counties - -	$7,593.22
Spent in State Office - -	1,264.33
Grand Total Spent - -	$8,857.55
Total Deficit --	$ 761.54
Total Surplus --	$2,832.99
NUMBER REGISTERED ---	15,762

Appendage
Revised

I had done this part of my report before Mr. Branton's letter came Disallowing payment to Custom Reproduction.

This sheet shows the revision necessitated by his letter and the resulting changes in final figures.

COUNTY	BUDGET ALLOWED	SPENT	SURPLUS	DEFICIT
Bertie	$ 400.00	$ 288.83	$ 111.17	$
Buncombe	400.00	221.88	178.12	
C Cleveland	400.00	295.01	104.99	
Currituck	400.00	293.83	106.17	
Gates	400.00	388.31	11.69	
Lee	400.00	352.25	47.75	
Northampton	400.00	283.00	117.00	
Pasquotank	400.00	588.50		188.50
Perquimans	400.00	paid 233.75 owe 136.25	30.00	
Pitts	400.00	121.00	279.00	
Tyrrell	400.00	206.27	193.73	
Washington	400.00	157.25	242.75	

Outstanding approximately $356.25

TOTALS

Spent in 19 counties	$5,619.06	Spent in all counties	$7,119.06
Surplus for 19 counties	$2,380.94	Spent in State Office	1,711.71
Deficit for 21 counties	221.15	Grand total spent	8,830.77
Spent in 2 counties	1,500.00	Total sent	9,000.00
Surplus for 2 counties	1,470.00	Balance on hand December 9,1964	269.23
Surplus for all counties	3,850.90		
Deficit for state office	931.71	Bills outstanding approximately	356.25

JAN 29 1965

January 27, 1965

Mr. Richard McClain
NAACP Chief Accountant
20 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

Dear Richard:

We have a balance of $187.76 in our VEP account.

Sincerely yours,

John M. Brooks, Director
NAACP Voter Registration

cc: Dr. John A. Morsell
Wiley A. Branton

WB

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET • NEW YORK 18, N. Y. • BRyant 9-1400

February 23, 1965

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I am extremely sorry for the delay in answering your last request but due to the pressure of work in the office I have just been unable to get this information to you before now.

Our balance as of December 31, 1964 was $7,109.14. The balance of funds on hand of John Brooks is $187.76. The balance of funds on hand of W. C. Patton is $2,559.36. I am enclosing a statement showing all amounts received and disbursements made by my office from 3/1/64 - 12/31/64.

You will also find enclosed duplicate requisitions of amounts sent to W. C. Patton & John Brooks not previously sent to you.

If there is any further information you desire in connection with closing out our account, please let me hear from you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Richard W. McClain

Richard W. McClain
Chief Accountant

RMc:svl
Encs.
cc: J. Morsell
J. Brooks
W. Patton

NAACP Board

NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES

MARCH 1, 1964 THRU DEC. 31, 1964

Balance Reconciled to 2/28/64.....		$ 11,191.75
Plus: Adjustment of duplicate outstanding ck.....		500.00
Adjusted Balance.....		$ 11,691.75
Plus: Checks Received from V.E.P.		
April, 1964.....	$ 1,500.00	
May, 1964.....	7,640.00	
July, 1964.....	18,772.20	
August, 1964.....	1,500.00	
September, 1964.....	4,000.00	33,412.20
Total.....		$ 45,103.95

Less: Checks Paid Out

March	4 W. C. Patton.....	$ 1,500.00 ✓		
"	23 W. C. Patton.....	3,000.00 ✓	4,500.00	
April	4 W. C. Patton.....	2,000.00 ✓		
"	17 W. C. Patton.....	2,500.00 ✓	4,500.00	
May	5 N.A.A.C.P.....	3,994.81 ✓		
"	18 W. C. Patton.....	3,000.00 ✓	6,994.81	
June	19 W. C. Patton.....	✓	1,000.00	
July	1 W. C. Patton.....	3,000.00 ✓		
"	22 W. C. Patton.....	7,000.00 ✓	10,000.00	
Aug.	14 John Brooks.....	750.00 ✓		
"	17 W. C. Patton.....	3,000.00 ✓	3,750.00	
Sep.	21 W.C. Patton.	3,500.00 ✓		
"	25 W. C. Patton.....	1,500.00 ✓	5,000.00	
Oct.	6 John Brooks.....	500.00 ✓		
	19 W. C. Patton.....	1,000.00 ✓	1,500.00	
Nov.	18 W. C. Patton.....		750.00	37,994.81
Balance 12/31/64.....				$ 7,109.14

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125000

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FINANCIAL COPY

January 25, 1965

Mr. Richard W. McClain
N A A C P
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. McClain:

We have never received any reply to the attached letter of November 30, 1964, and we cannot begin to close out your account with VEP until such information is furnished us. Will you please send us this information at once. We received the information which we had requested of Mr. Patton, but we have never received anything from Mr. Brooks.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: 1
cc: Mr. John Morsell
Mr. John Brooks

FINANCIAL

November 30, 1964

Mr. Richard W. McClain
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. McClain:

Now that the Voter Education Project has terminated its Grants-in-Aid program to other agencies, we are making an effort to close all of our accounts. Mrs. Levine has referred to me your letter of October 22 regarding reimbursement for certain of your voter registration workers.

Please send to us at once the exact amount of the balance in your VEP account in New York, and list separately the amount of VEP funds remaining in the hands of Mr. W. C. Patton and Mr. John Brooks. I am by copy hereof, requesting Messrs. Brooks and Patton to send information regarding the balances in their accounts to us to expedite this matter.

If you have advanced any funds to Mr. Brooks, or to Mr. Patton which you have not yet informed us of, then we should be furnished with such information. We need all of this information to determine whether or not we will be in a position to allow any administrative costs above the salaries we agreed to reimburse you for.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. W. C. Patton
Dr. John Morsell
Mr. John Brooks

Memo . . . FROM THE DESK OF

JEAN LEVINE

DATE 12/11/64

Wiley: Brooks Bal - Jan 27 $ 187.76

This is the picture of NAACP accounting at the moment:

According to our records national has a VEP bank balance of $3,859.14. This is not up-to-date, I know, because Patton has over-reported $2,007.09 and he could not be over-drawing his bank account to that extent. This means that national has sent him money since October 19, which they have not yet reported to us.

Mr. Brooks picture is this:

In October, 1963 nationa sent him $932.51 for which he subsequently accounted for $589.16. This left him a balance from that account of	$343.35
8/14/64 from national	750.00
10/6/64 " "	500.00
	$1593.35
Of this he has accounted to us for	989.84
Brooks unaccounted bal.	$603.51

(over)

COMPLIMENTS OF DARBY PRINTING COMPANY

As you know, the situation on 4-46 (Va. State Conference) is this. You wrote Lester Banks on a number of occasions, the last letter being on 12/7/64. Their balance unaccounted for is $2776.77.

On VEP 4-48 (No. Car. State Conf.) you wrote Fred Alexander, the last time on 11/30. Their unaccounted balance is $1332.79.

FINANCIAL COPY

bc: Richard Miles

March 1, 1965

Dr. R. N. Beck
403 North Dargan Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Beck:

As you probably know, we here at VEP have maintained a continuing interest in theSouth Carolina Voter Education Project. I was somewhat disturbed by a statement in the January report which stated that you had indicated that you could not host a meeting of the Executive Committee in your district in the foreseeable future.

If the statement attributed to you is correct, then it causes me to feel that there is some disagreement between you and the South Carolina Voter Education Project, and I would like to know if this is the case, and if so, just what the trouble is. We feel that we have made a heavy investment in the political future of South Carolina, and we certainly want to keep up with what is taking place. I would appreciate learning the facts regarding the present situation, and a discussion of the long range problems as you see them. Please be assured that I will not reveal anything which you want held in confidence.

Our records reveal that you last sent us a financial accounting about December 14, 1964, when you had a balance on hand of $633.42. Please send us an up-to-date accounting.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

First Baptist Church

101 South Wilmington Street

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLES W. WARD, *Pastor*

501 South Bloodworth Street

Residence: TE 3-0566

Church: TE 2-1649

J. W. YEARGIN, *Church Clerk*

W. H. TAYLOR, *Chairman of Deacon Board*

W. C. DAVENPORT, *Chairman of Trustee Board*

APR 22 1965

April 21, 1965

Mr. Wiley A. Branton
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Room 206
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I have not received a letter from you dated March 1. The last letter which I received from you was quite sometime ago and I answered giving the information which you requested. If you will send another letter listing the information you desire I shall be happy to forward the same to you immediately.

Sincerely,

C. W. Ward

C. W. Ward

CWW/elj

April 14, 1965

The Rev. Charles Ward
501 South Bloodworth Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

Will you please reply to my letter of March 1 in order that our account with the North Carolina NAACP Conference can be closed out.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

March 1, 1965

The Rev. Charles Ward
501 South Boodworth Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

Thank you for your letter of February 24, in which you enclosed some additional financial accounting amounting to $166.37. In your letter of December 31, 1964, you stated that you had a balance of $267.57, and on January 11, we sent you $35 more. Your checks, numbered 134 and 135, would reduce this balance on hand to $136.20.

Your letter of December 31 showed an outstanding bill to Rev. J. L. Scott in the amount of $141.70, although I had questioned the necessity of paying him anything else in my letter of December 16. Has he now been paid in full?

We must close our account with you, and if you have any other outstanding bills which can be paid out of your balance, then you should do so at once, and send us cartons of the checks. I am authorizing you to pay any balance in your account over to yourself as payment for the extra work which you have had to do in closing out this account, and regret that we will not be in a position to give you any additional funds.

I am sorry to learn that Mrs. Ward had to undergo surgery, and I certainly hope that she is well on the road to recovery.

We appreciate all that you and your co-workers have done in helping in the voter registration drive.

Very truly yours,

WAB:js

Wiley A. Branton

P. S. Some time ago, our field representative, Mr. Joe Tucker, loaned you our voting machine replica. Would you kindly mail it back to us at the earliest possible moment?

Thank you.

First Baptist Church

101 South Wilmington Street
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FEB 25 1965

February 24, 1965

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W. Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Branton:

Your letter of sometime ago reached me and I would have answered before now but I have been under extreme pressure. Mrs. Ward has undergone radical surgery recently and was hospitalized in Durham which necessitated making two trips per day sometimes. She is getting along fine now.

I have checked out the records and cannot find where any amount was drawn for Alamance County. We have closed out all accounts with all bills having been paid. We are grateful to you and VEP for the help you gave in helping to make our voter registration drive the success that it was.

Personally I want to thank you for the help which you and your staff gave.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Ward

Charles W. Ward

elj:CWW

Enclosures

4-48

February 22, 1965

The Rev. Charles Ward
NAACP Voter Registration Office
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

In looking over our records, it appears that you had a balance on hand in the amount of $267.57 when you last wrote to us on December 31, 1964. We subsequently sent you an additional $35 on January 11, 1965, in order that you would have enough to pay all of your outstanding bills. We have not been furnished with any further check carbons, and it would be appreciated if you would send us your final financial accounting.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. H. L. Gregg

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET • NEW YORK, N. Y. 10018 • BRyant 9-1400

April 30, 1965

MAY 4 1965

Mr. Wiley Branton
Project Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

In accordance with your request in your letter of March 1, 1965, I have transferred the balance of the VEP funds to our General Fund account. I am enclosing herewith the copies of the voucher requisitions representing this final transfer indicating the amounts and dates as follows:

Voucher requisition	dated 3/5/65.....	$ 7,000.00
" "	dated 4/23/65.....	109.14
	Total of final transfer.....	$ 7,109.14

In addition to the above, we have requested and received from both W. C. Patton and John Brooks the balance remaining in their VEP account in the amounts reflected in my letter to you dated February 23, 1965, which were $2,559.36 for W. C. Patton and $187.76 for John Brooks. Therefore, their respective VEP accounts are also closed out at this time.

Any additional bills which have not yet been paid will be taken care of from our office out of the VEP funds transferred.

If there is any further information you may need, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Richard W. McClain

Richard W. McClain
Chief Accountant

RMc:svl
Encs.
cc: John A. Morsell

DUPLICATE

MAY 4 1965

V.E.P. FUNDS

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Date: 4/23/65

Draw to the Order Of: NAACP $ 109.14

DETAILS: For: Transfer of balance of VEP Funds to General Fund of NAACP

	109	14

Requested by: Richard W. McClain Approved by: [illegible]

April 14, 1965

Mr. Richard W. McClain
N A A C P
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. McClain:

Will ypu please inform us as to whether or not you ever transferred the remainder of the VEP funds to your general account as requested in my letter to you of March 1, 1965. We need to know the date and the amount of any such transferrals.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

V.E.P. DUPLICATE

MAY 4 1965

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Date: 3/5/65

Draw to the Order Of: N.A.A.C.P. $ 7,000.00

DETAILS: For: Transfer of balance of VEP Funds to NAACP General Fund. 7,000 00

Requested by: Richard W. McClain Approved by: Johnson

FINANCIAL COPY

March 1, 1965

Mr. Richard W. McClain
N A A C P
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. McClain:

Thank you for your letter of February 23, in which you gave us a statement of incoming and expenses for the NAACP voter education project for the period March 1, 1964, through December 31, 1964.

I note that you had VEP funds on hand on December 31, 1964, in the amount of $7,189.14, plus the amounts being held by John Brooks and W. C. Patton. I suspect that Mr. Patton's balance of $2,559.36 was almost depleted when he paid outstanding obligations, but I have no way of knowing his exact balance at this time.

In your letter of October 22, 1964, you requested that VEP pay the sum of $5,252.56 as reimbursement for salaries of Lurline Crawford, Helen Hayes, and Hugh T. Love, for the period January 1 through October 9, 1964, in accordance with our earlier agreement.

You are hereby authorized to pay over to NAACP, out of the balance of your VEP funds on hand, the sum of $5,252.56, in full payment of the salaries referred to above. You are further authorized to pay over to NAACP, the remainder of all funds in your VEP account, including VEP funds held by Messrs. Brooks and Patton as reimbursement for your administrative overhead. We will not be in a position to pay any additional funds for administrative overhead. Will you please write us a letter informing us when these trans-

farrals of funds have been made so that we can close our account.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. W. C. Patton
Dr. John Morsell
Mr. John Brooks

WB

file VEP 4-48

First Baptist Church

101 South Wilmington Street

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLES W. WARD, *Pastor*
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Church: TE 2-1649

J. W. YEARGIN, *Church Clerk*
W. H. TAYLOR, *Chairman of Deacon Board*
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May 6, 1965

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W. 5th Floor
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Branton:

In reply to your letter of March 1, 1965, The Reverend John L. Scott has been paid in full. After paying the telephone bill I did not have enough money to pay The Reverend Scott the total of $141.70. After talking with him he was willing to take the balance of what we had which amounted to about $100.99. I thought that I had sent you that final accounting. Check No. 0135

There was no money left and I was under the impression that the account was closed in a satisfactorily manner.

As far as I know all bills have been satisfied. Since I did not find a duplicate of the check sent to Reverend Scott I called Mr. Gregg's office and his secretary is now trying to locate the final voucher to send to me which represents the check sent to Reverend Scott. He has stated to me that he is satisfied. Due to his explaining that these bills came in after he had sent his final statement and as he felt that they were legitimate bills I wanted to pay them.

Sincerely,

C. W. Ward

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Enclosure 1

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P.S. I have just locate my copy of the check that was written and I am more ~~[illegible]~~ sure that I sent this information to you in early February of this year. This check was dated February 8th.

FINANCIAL COPY

April 22, 1965

The Rev. Charles Ward
501 South Bloodworth Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

Your letter of April 21 has been received.

My letter to you of March 1 undoubtedly was lost in the handling process through the mail, but I am enclosing a photocopy of this correspondence so that you can supply us with the information requested.

May we hear from you soon?

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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If You Don't Vote Don't Squawk

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Stop Begging!... Start VOTING!

I AM REGISTERED

★ AND WILL VOTE NOV. 3 ★

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THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE

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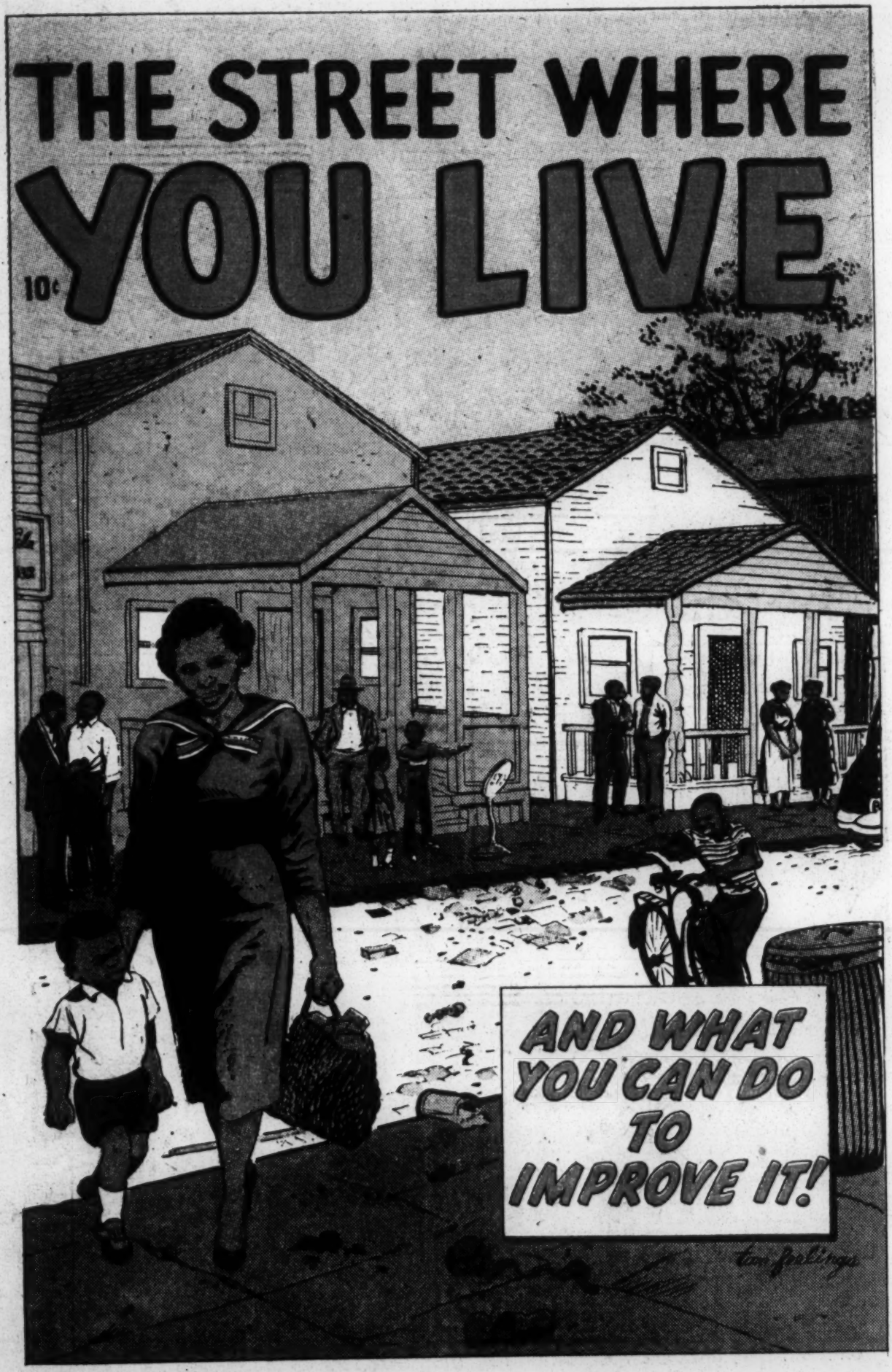

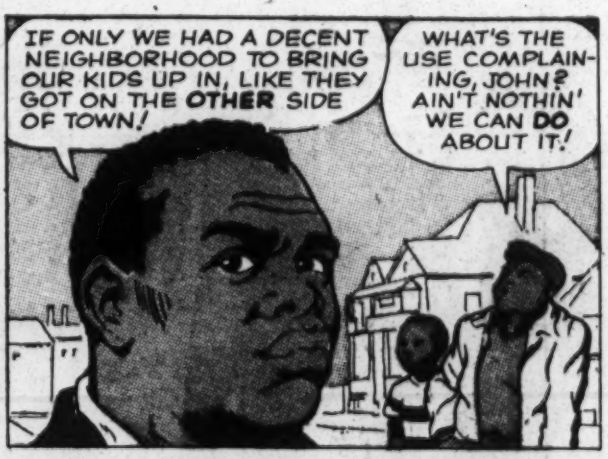

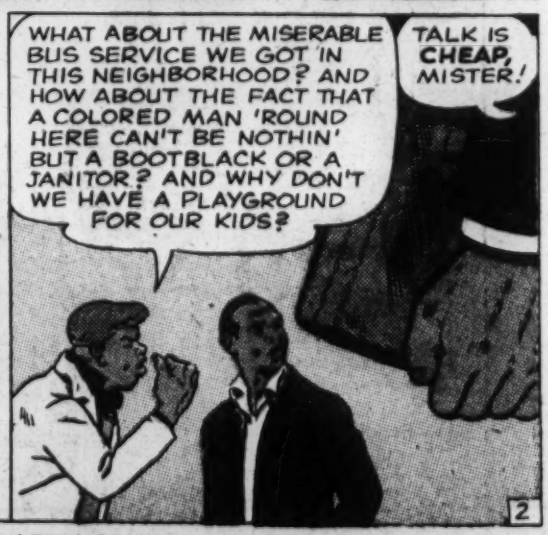

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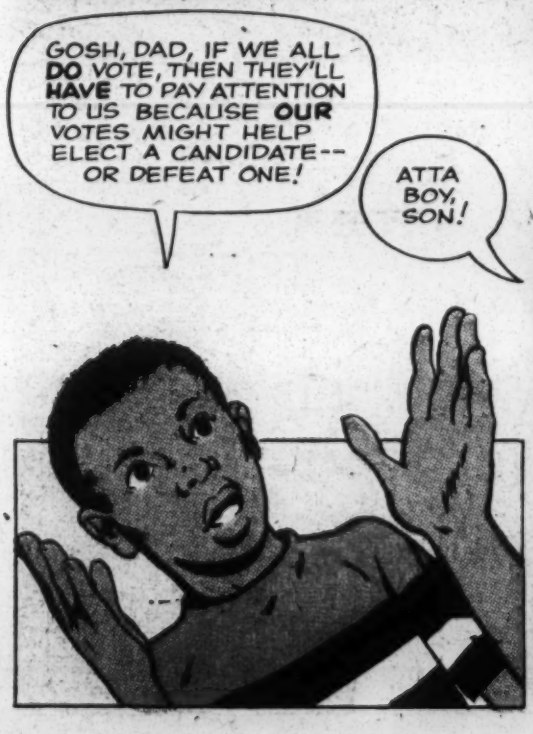
WHO ARE YOU TO COME BUTTIN' INTO OUR TALK, MAN?
MY NAME'S CARTER -- SAM CARTER! AND I'M A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NON-PARTISAN CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR REGISTRATION!
LOOK, MAN, WHATEVER YOU'RE SELLIN', WE DON'T NEED ANY!
I'M NOT SELLIN' ANYTHING, FRIEND! I'M GIVIN'!
I'M GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD, INSTEAD OF JUST TALKIN' ABOUT IT!
YEAH? IF YOU'RE SANTA CLAUS, WHERE'S YOUR RED SUIT?
MISTER, I'M NOT SANTA CLAUS, BUT YOU CAN BE, IF YOU'LL HELP MY COMMITTEE WITH ITS REGISTRATION DRIVE!
YOU CAN GIVE THIS NEIGHBORHOOD OF YOURS THE BEST GIFT IT EVER HAD!
WE'RE HOLDING CLASSES EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE CHURCH, TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO REGISTER! AND I WANT YOU TO COME!
DAD, WHAT DOES "REGISTER" MEAN?
NOTHIN' IMPORTANT, TOMMY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "NOTHING IMPORTANT"??! IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO REGISTER, YOU CAN'T VOTE!
SO WHAT? VOTIN' IS WHITE FOLKS' BUSINESS!
YEAH! THEY RUN EVERY-THING ANYWAY!

BUT THAT'S JUST THE POINT! THE REASON THEY RUN THINGS IS BECAUSE THEY VOTE!
THAT MAKES SENSE TO ME, DAD!

BAH! WHITE FOLKS DON'T GIVE A HOOT ABOUT US! WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE IF WE VOTE OR NOT?
YEAH! WHO'S GONNA CARE IF WE VOTE?


GOSH, DAD, IF WE ALL DO VOTE, THEN THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO US BECAUSE OUR VOTES MIGHT HELP ELECT A CANDIDATE-- OR DEFEAT ONE!
ATTA BOY, SON!

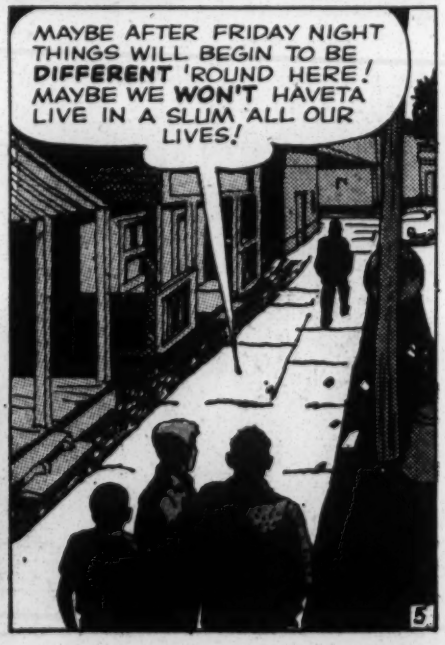
AND ANOTHER THING--IF WE ALL VOTE TOGETHER, WE MIGHT EVEN BE ABLE TO ELECT OUR OWN CANDIDATES!
SUPPOSE WE DO REGISTER AND VOTE? I STILL DON'T SEE WHAT GOOD IT'LL DO US!

OPEN YOUR EYES, MAN! YOU WERE JUST COMPLAINING ABOUT THIS RUN-DOWN NEIGHBORHOOD OF YOURS! IF YOU HELP ELECT A CANDIDATE, THEN HE'LL HELP **YOU** TO MAKE THIS A FIT PLACE TO LIVE!
I NEVER **THOUGHT** OF IT LIKE THAT!

HERE, DON'T TAKE **MY** WORD FOR IT! READ WHAT THE **AFRO** SAYS ABOUT NEGROES VOTING...
LEMME SEE!

HE'S RIGHT! IT SAYS HERE THAT EVERY NEGRO SHOULD REGISTER AND VOTE IF WE WANT OUR RIGHTS!
WELL, WHAT ARE WE **WAITIN'** FOR?

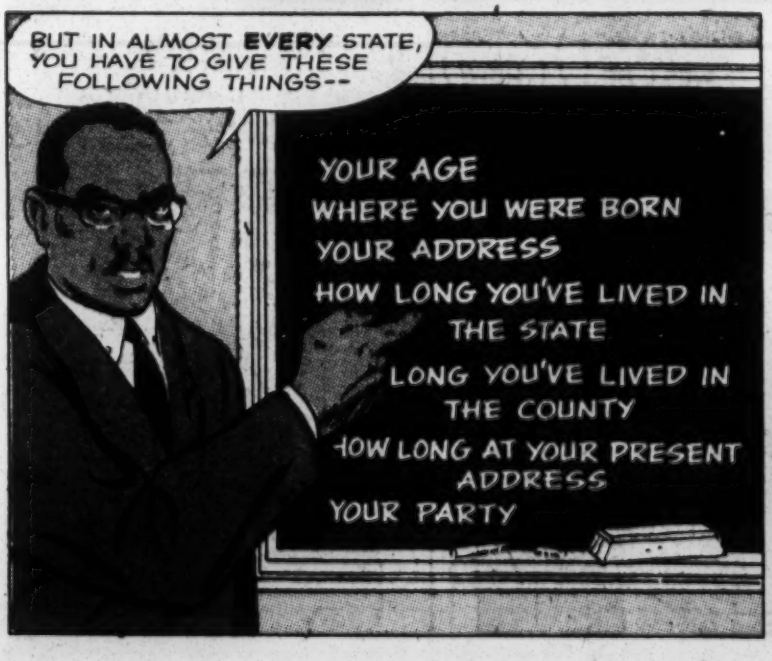
I **KNEW** YOU'D SEE IT, FELLAS! NOW I'LL LOOK FOR YOU FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE CHURCH, FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REGISTER!
DON'T WORRY, MR. CARTER! WE'LL BE THERE!
AND HOW!


MAYBE AFTER FRIDAY NIGHT THINGS WILL BEGIN TO BE **DIFFERENT** 'ROUND HERE! MAYBE WE **WON'T** HAVETA LIVE IN A SLUM ALL OUR LIVES!

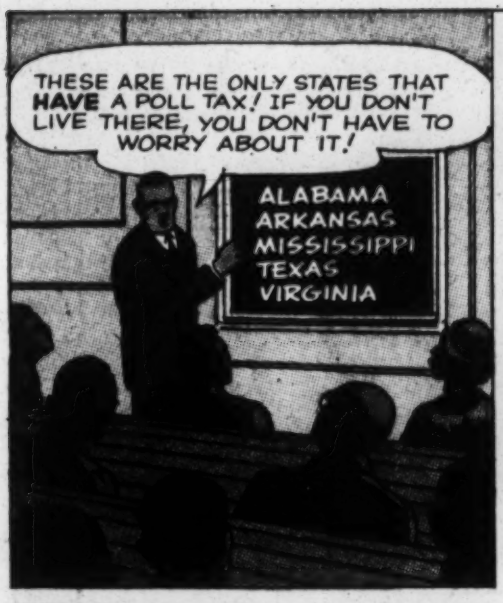
AND SO, THAT FRIDAY NIGHT, AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHURCH...
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE JUST IN TIME, JOHN!
THAT GUY CARTER MUSTA SPOKE TO A LOT OF PEOPLE! LOOK AT THE CROWD HERE TONIGHT!

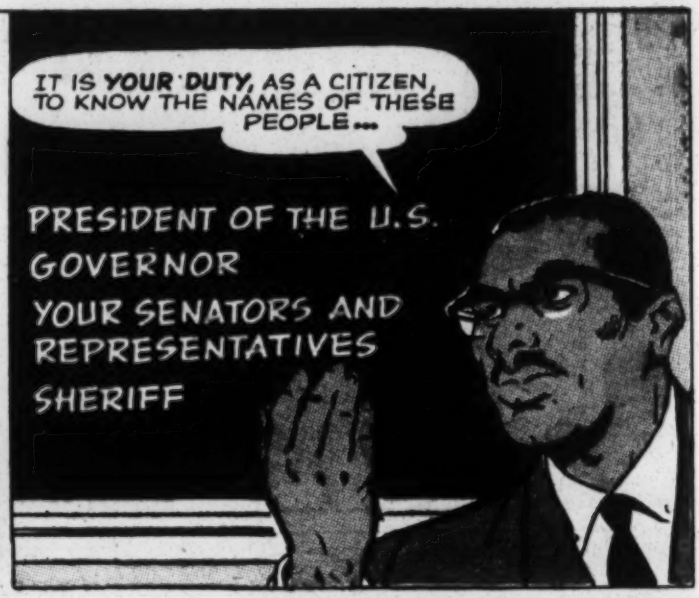
THERE HE IS NOW!
COME IN, FRIENDS! I'M JUST BEGINNING...

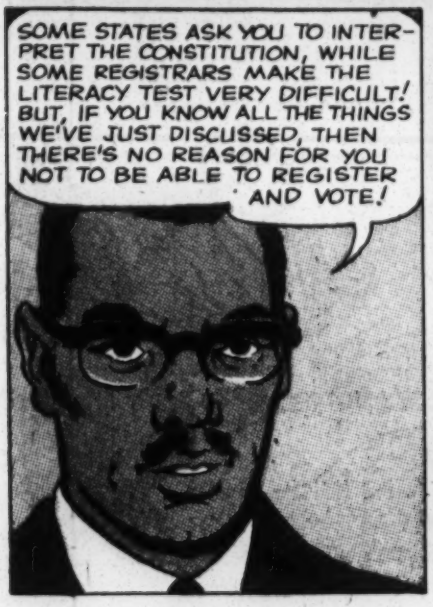
FOLKS, IN A NUTSHELL, IN ORDER TO VOTE, YOU HAVE TO REGISTER! NOW EVERY STATE HAS DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION! SOME ARE EASY, AND SOME ARE HARD!


BUT IN ALMOST EVERY STATE, YOU HAVE TO GIVE THESE FOLLOWING THINGS--
YOUR AGE
WHERE YOU WERE BORN
YOUR ADDRESS
HOW LONG YOU'VE LIVED IN THE STATE
LONG YOU'VE LIVED IN THE COUNTY
HOW LONG AT YOUR PRESENT ADDRESS
YOUR PARTY

WHAT ABOUT THE POLL TAX?
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, AND HERE'S THE ANSWER...


THESE ARE THE ONLY STATES THAT HAVE A POLL TAX! IF YOU DON'T LIVE THERE, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT!
ALABAMA
ARKANSAS
MISSISSIPPI
TEXAS
VIRGINIA

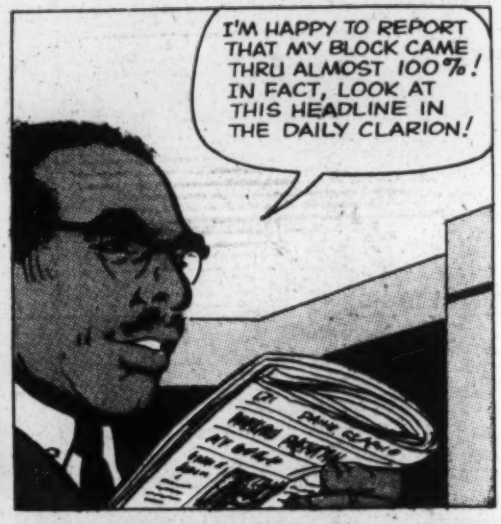

IT IS YOUR DUTY, AS A CITIZEN, TO KNOW THE NAMES OF THESE PEOPLE...
PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.
GOVERNOR
YOUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES
SHERIFF


SOME STATES ASK YOU TO INTERPRET THE CONSTITUTION, WHILE SOME REGISTRARS MAKE THE LITERACY TEST VERY DIFFICULT! BUT, IF YOU KNOW ALL THE THINGS WE'VE JUST DISCUSSED, THEN THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU NOT TO BE ABLE TO REGISTER AND VOTE!

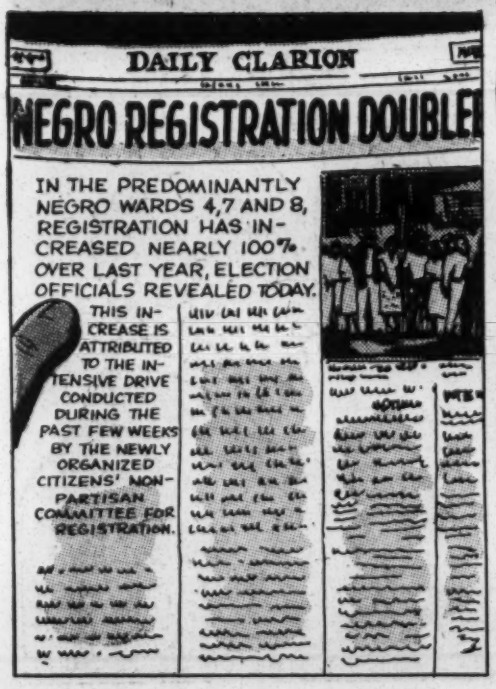
IF WE STUDY WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PASS ANY TEST!
SURE WE CAN! LET'S FIND OUT WHERE WE REGISTER AND WHEN!
THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO IGNORE US IN THE NEXT ELECTION!

MISTER CARTER, I SURE DO WANNA THANK YOU FOR OPENING OUR EYES ABOUT REGISTERING AND VOTING!
JOHN, THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING! JUST WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE POLITICIANS SEE HOW MANY NEGROES HAVE REGISTERED!

A FEW WEEKS LATER...
AND NOW, WE'LL HEAR FROM OUR LAST BLOCK LEADER, SAM CARTER! HOW DID REGISTRATION GO ON YOUR BLOCK, SAM?


I'M HAPPY TO REPORT THAT MY BLOCK CAME THRU ALMOST 100%! IN FACT, LOOK AT THIS HEADLINE IN THE DAILY CLARION!

NEGRO REGISTRATION DOUBLED!
YAY!
WE DID IT!
NOW WE'LL SHOW 'EM!


DAILY CLARION
NEGRO REGISTRATION DOUBLE
IN THE PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO WARDS 4,7 AND 8, REGISTRATION HAS INCREASED NEARLY 100% OVER LAST YEAR, ELECTION OFFICIALS REVEALED TODAY.
THIS INCREASE IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE INTENSIVE DRIVE CONDUCTED DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS BY THE NEWLY ORGANIZED CITIZENS' NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE FOR REGISTRATION.

NOW THAT THEY KNOW WE'VE GOT SOME NAMES ON THE VOTING ROLLS, WAIT AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS! HERE'S WHERE THEY START COMING TO US!

AND, SURE ENOUGH...
HOWDY, FOLKS! HOW'S IT GOIN'?
IT'S GOIN' ALL RIGHT, MISTER!

GOOD! GOOD! THOUGHT I'D INTRODUCE MYSELF TO YOU NICE FOLKS! I'M JEFF THOMPSON, AND I'M RUNNIN' FOR CITY COMMISSIONER!
SO I THOUGHT I'D JUST DROP AROUND AND GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH YOU ALL!

HOW COME WE NEVER SAW YOU HERE BEFORE, MR. THOMPSON?
HECK, FRIEND, YOU KNOW HOW BUSY A MAN GETS, WHAT WITH CAMPAIGNIN' AND ALL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN!

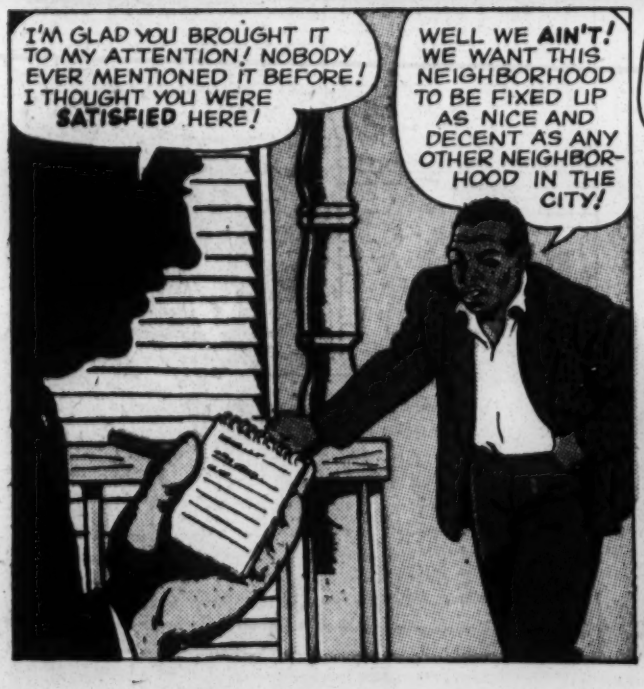
LOOKS TO ME LIKE THERE'S A LOT MORE CAMPAIGNIN' DONE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN THAN OVER HERE!
NOW, NOW-- NO NEED TO TALK THAT WAY, FRIEND! AFTER ALL, I'M HERE NOW, RIGHT?

AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT JEFF THOMPSON WANTS YOUR VOTE! JEFF THOMPSON WANTS TO DO THINGS FOR YOU--BECAUSE JEFF THOMPSON IS YOUR FRIEND!
WE'RE SURE GETTIN' A MESS OF FRIENDS SINCE PEOPLE NOTICED HOW MANY OF US REGISTERED, EH, MAN?
YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, JOHN!

YOU SAY YOU'LL DO THINGS FOR US, MISTER! WHAT KIND OF THINGS?
WELL, EH, YOU KNOW, THINGS! YOU CAN ALL COUNT ON ME!

THIS TIME WE WANT MORE THAN EMPTY PROMISES, MR. THOMPSON! NOW I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE WANT! DO YOU SEE THAT THERE STREET?
SURE! WH-WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT? IT LOOKS LIKE IT ALWAYS DID!

YEAH--AND THAT'S WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT! LOOK AT THAT LITTER THERE--LOOK AT THE HOLES IN THE PAVEMENT--WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE ON A STREET LIKE THIS, MR. THOMPSON?
N-NO! OF COURSE NOT!


I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT IT TO MY ATTENTION! NOBODY EVER MENTIONED IT BEFORE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE SATISFIED HERE!
WELL WE AIN'T! WE WANT THIS NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE FIXED UP AS NICE AND DECENT AS ANY OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE CITY!

AND WE WANT A DECENT PLAYGROUND FOR OUR KIDS, TO KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS! WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT, MISTER?
FOLKS, I WANT YOUR VOTES! AND IN RETURN, I PROMISE TO DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO GET YOU THE THINGS YOU ASK FOR!

WELL, HOW ABOUT THAT? FIRST TIME WE HAD AN HONEST-TO-GOSH POLITICIAN COMING DOWN HERE AND TRYIN' TO BE NICE TO US!
IT'S JUST LIKE MR. CARTER SAID...
LOOK! HERE COMES MR. CARTER NOW!

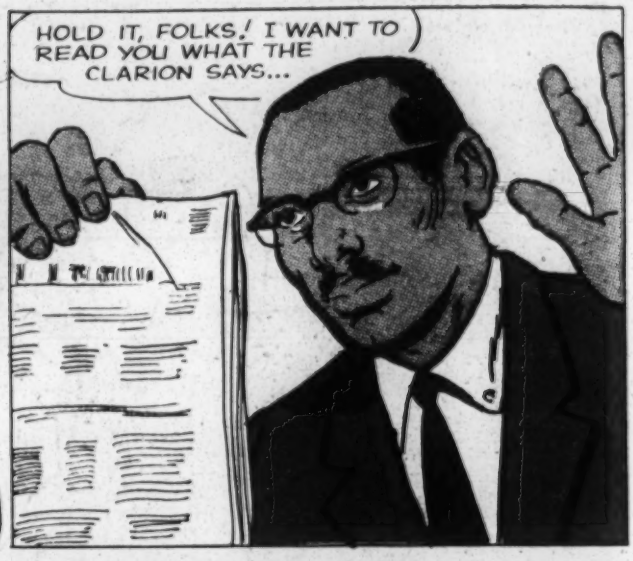
HOWDY, FOLKS! I NOTICED JEFF THOMPSON HERE A MINUTE AGO! I KINDA THOUGHT HE'D BE AROUND!
YOU SURE CALLED THE PLAY RIGHT, MR. CARTER!

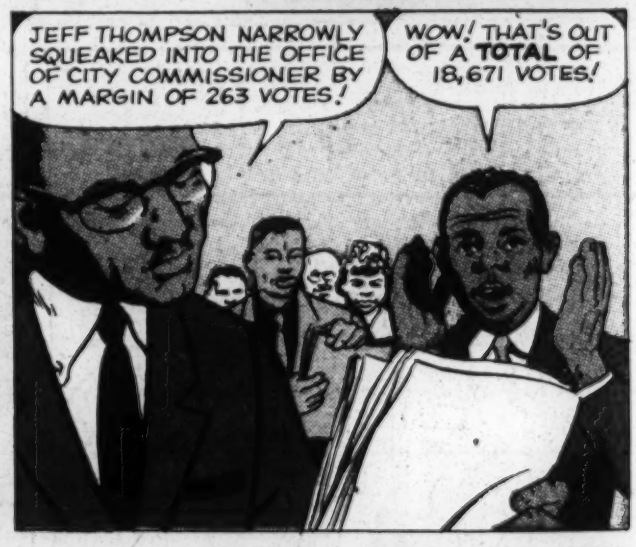
IT WAS LIKE I TOLD YOU... ONCE THEY REALIZE THAT WE'RE DETERMINED TO REGISTER AND TO VOTE, THEY CAN'T IGNORE US ANY MORE! THEY NEED US!
IT CERTAINLY GIVES YOU A GOOD FEELING!

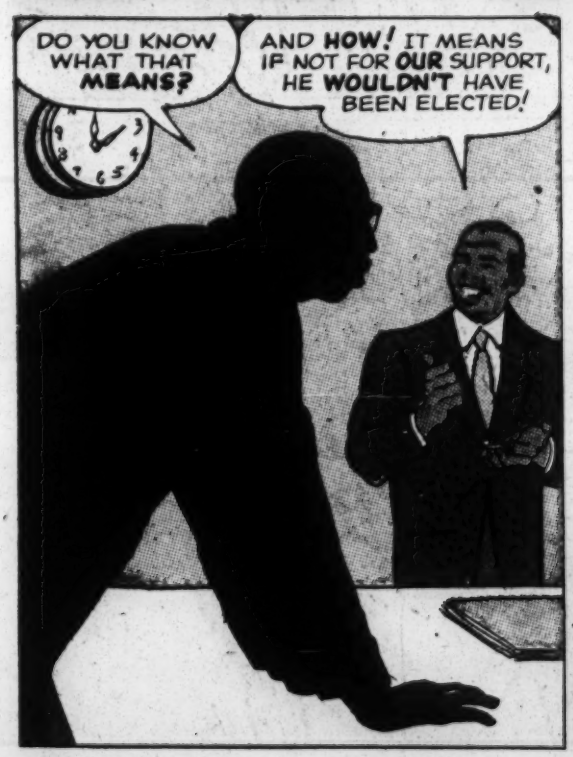
MOMMY, WILL OUR NEIGHBORHOOD REALLY BE FIXED UP ALL NICE AND CLEAN, WITH PLAY-GROUNDS AND PAVED STREETS?
I-I HOPE SO, DEAR!

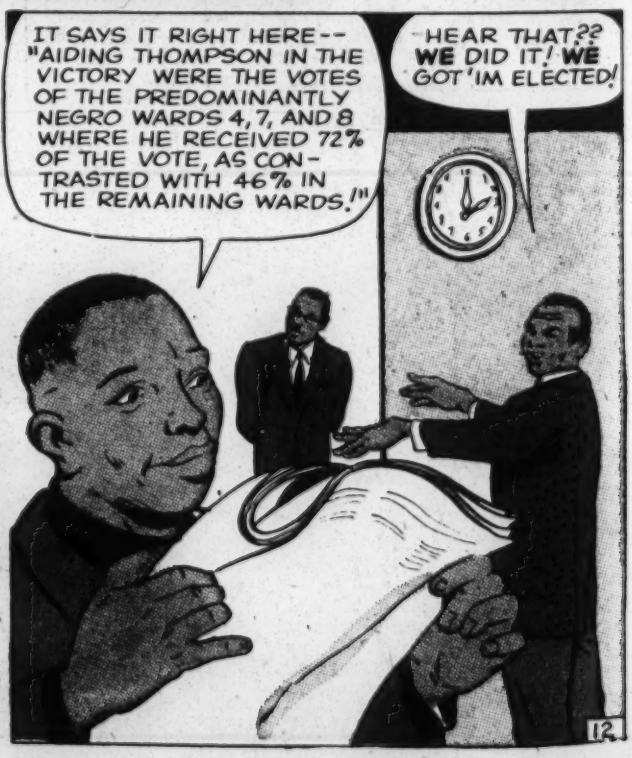
JUST WAIT AND SEE, DEAR! JUST WAIT AND SEE!

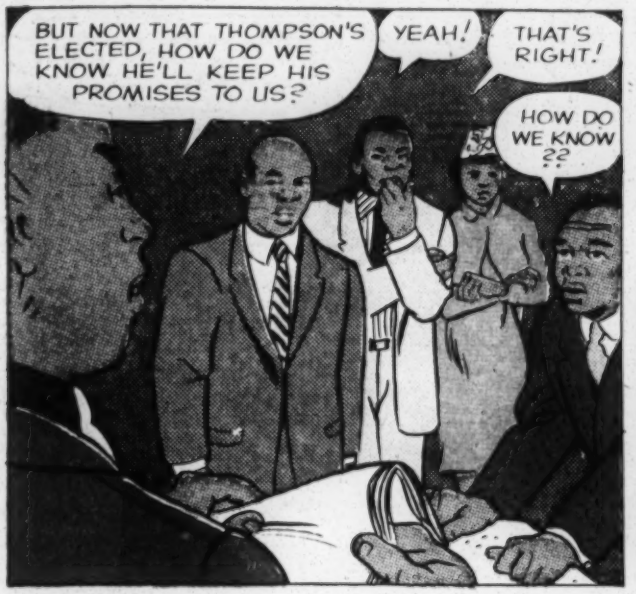
AND FINALLY, ON THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION...
WE WON! WE WON!
THOMPSON WAS ELECTED!
OUR CANDIDATE GOT IN!
"OUR CANDIDATE"! SOUNDS PRETTY GOOD, DON'T IT?

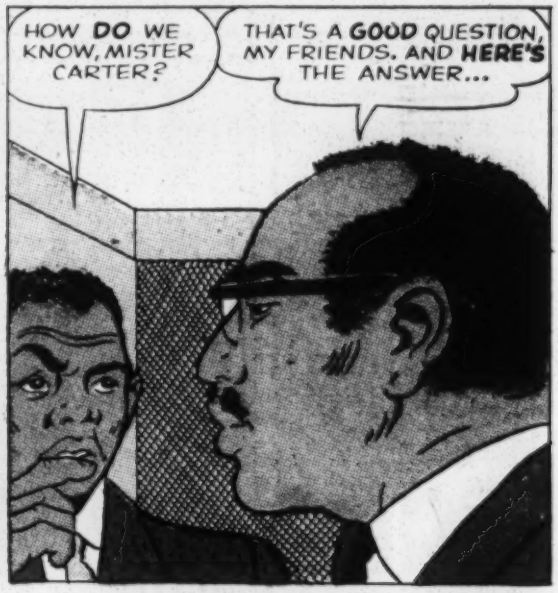

HOLD IT, FOLKS! I WANT TO READ YOU WHAT THE CLARION SAYS...


JEFF THOMPSON NARROWLY SQUEAKED INTO THE OFFICE OF CITY COMMISSIONER BY A MARGIN OF 263 VOTES!
WOW! THAT'S OUT OF A TOTAL OF 18,671 VOTES!

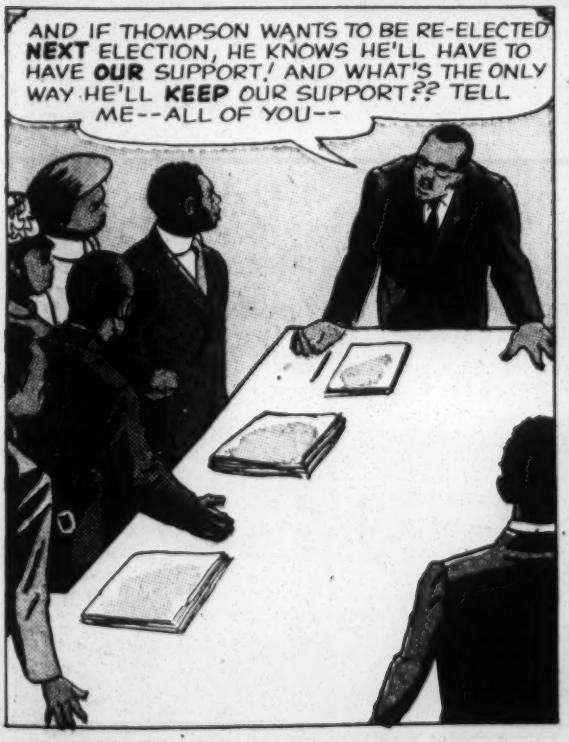

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
AND HOW! IT MEANS IF NOT FOR OUR SUPPORT, HE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ELECTED!


IT SAYS IT RIGHT HERE-- "AIDING THOMPSON IN THE VICTORY WERE THE VOTES OF THE PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO WARDS 4, 7, AND 8 WHERE HE RECEIVED 72% OF THE VOTE, AS CONTRASTED WITH 46% IN THE REMAINING WARDS!"
HEAR THAT?? WE DID IT! WE GOT 'IM ELECTED!

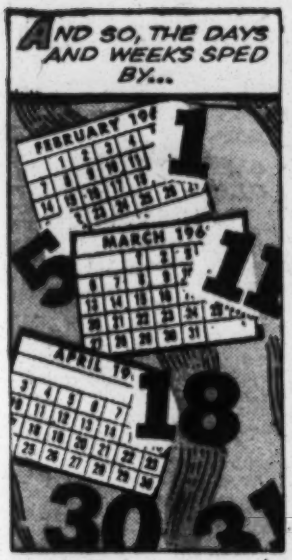

BUT NOW THAT THOMPSON'S ELECTED, HOW DO WE KNOW HE'LL KEEP HIS PROMISES TO US?
YEAH!
THAT'S RIGHT!
HOW DO WE KNOW ??


HOW DO WE KNOW, MISTER CARTER?
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, MY FRIENDS. AND HERE'S THE ANSWER...

HE'LL HAVE TO KEEP HIS PROMISES TO US, BECAUSE HE CAN'T AFFORD NOT TO! WE'RE NO LONGER JUST A LONG-SUFFERING GROUP OF UNORGANIZED NEGROES! WE'VE BECOME A VOICE IN THIS TOWN!


AND IF THOMPSON WANTS TO BE RE-ELECTED NEXT ELECTION, HE KNOWS HE'LL HAVE TO HAVE OUR SUPPORT! AND WHAT'S THE ONLY WAY HE'LL KEEP OUR SUPPORT?? TELL ME--ALL OF YOU--

BY KEEPING HIS PROMISES TO US!
BY FIXING UP OUR NEIGHBOR-HOOD!
BY SEEING TO IT THAT WE AIN'T NEVER AGAIN TREATED LIKE SECOND CLASS CITIZENS!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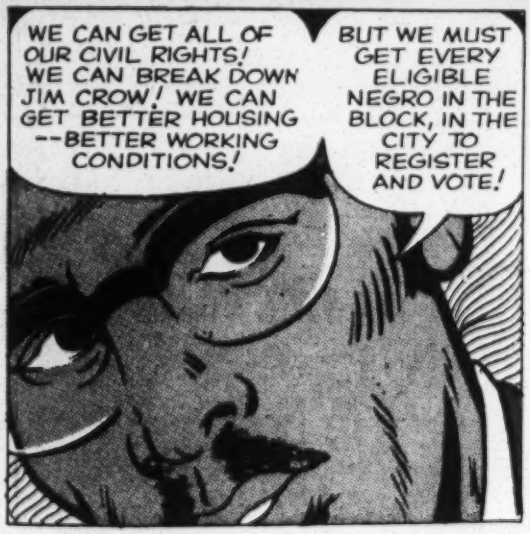
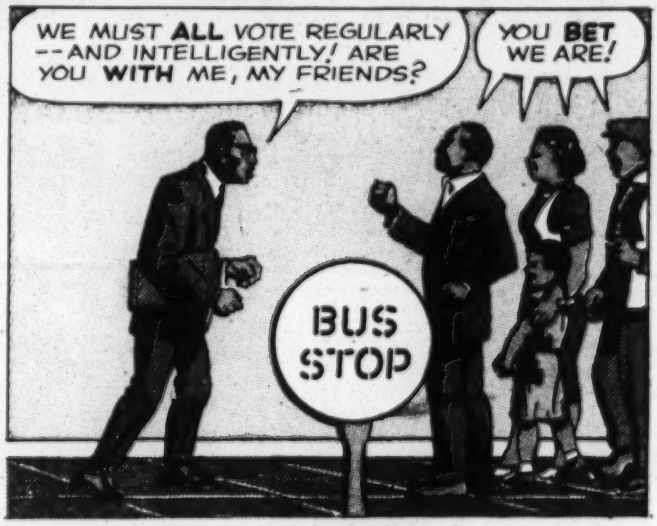
UNTIL, ABOUT THREE MONTHS LATER...
IT'S HIGH TIME I WAS VISITING MY FRIENDS ON PINE STREET...

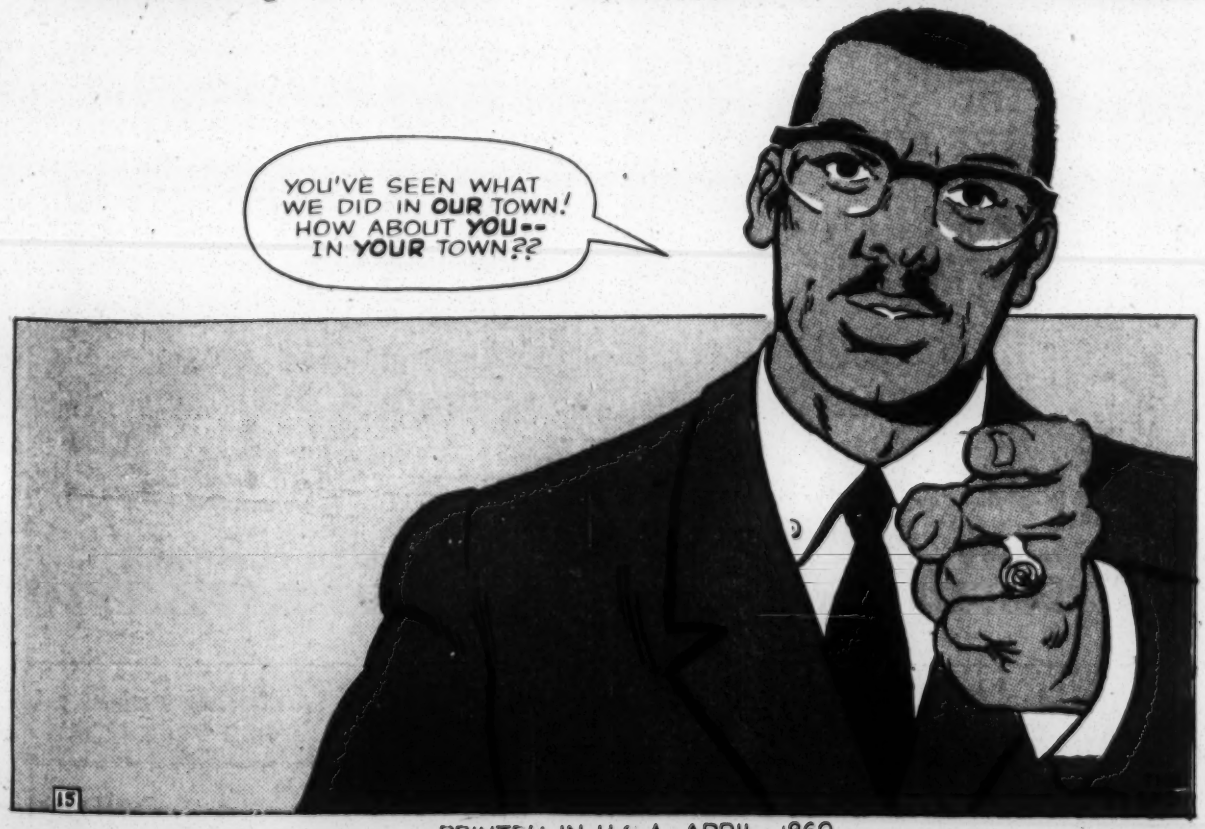
WELL, LOOK AT THAT NICE NEW PLAYGROUND. IT'S A LOT BETTER THAN SEEING KIDS PLAYING IN AN ALLEY!

AND HERE'S A NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL BEING BUILT. WITH PLENTY OF ROOM, AND LOTS OF LIGHT. IT'LL GIVE OUR YOUNGSTERS A BETTER CHANCE IN LIFE THAN MOST OF US EVER HAD!

AND THE STREET IS SMOOTHLY PAVED NOW, AND FREE OF LITTER! IT'S A PLEASURE TO TAKE A WALK THRU THIS NEIGHBORHOOD!
LOOK! HERE COMES MR. CARTER!







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MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO HELP CHOOSE THE LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS WHO GOVERN YOU--

GIVES YOU A VOICE IN DETERMINING:

- THE KIND OF SCHOOL **YOUR CHILDREN** ATTEND.
- THE KIND OF TREATMENT **YOU** RECEIVE AT THE HANDS OF THE POLICE.
- THE KIND OF JUSTICE **YOU** GET IN COURTS.
- THE KIND OF WELFARE SERVICE **YOU** CAN GET FOR **YOUR FAMILY** IN TIME OF NEED.
- THE KIND OF HOSPITAL TREATMENT **YOU** GET WHEN YOU ARE SICK.
- THE KIND OF JOB **YOUR CHILDREN** CAN GET WITH YOUR CITY, STATE OR COUNTRY.
- HOW MUCH TAXES **YOU** HAVE TO PAY AND HOW YOUR TAX MONEY IS SPENT--

HELPS YOU ON THE ROAD TO THE PROMISED LAND WHERE THERE WILL BE A BETTER LIFE FOR **YOU** AND **YOUR FAMILY**.

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WE'RE TOO YOUNG TO REGISTER OR VOTE

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

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HOW

CLOSE CAN

YOU GET?

In 1956, 39 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives won election by just 52 per cent of the vote or less.

These included such friends of labor as D. S. Saund of California who won by 3,528 votes, or 51.8%; Winfield Denton of Indiana, 192 votes, or 50.1%; Merwin Coad of Iowa, 208 votes, or 50.1%; Floyd Breeding of Kansas, 1,335 votes, or 50.5%; Roy Wier of Minnesota, 12,995 votes, or 51.8%; Charles Brown of Missouri, 2,631 votes, or 50.8%; LeRoy Anderson of Montana, 2,641 votes, or 50.9%; Alfred Sieminski of New Jersey, 57 votes, or 45%, a plurality in a field of six; Albert Ullman of Oregon, 1,375 votes, or 50.7%; George Rhodes of Pennsylvania, 2,670 votes, or 51.3%; Cleveland Bailey of West Virginia, 3,987 votes, or 51.7%; and Lester Johnson of Wisconsin, 3,452 votes, or 51.4%.

This does not include close races in primary elections on one-party states.

And take a look at the U.S. Senate where—

Liberal John Carroll of Colorado won election by just 2,770 votes out of 336,974. . . .

Liberal Joe Clark of Pennsylvania won election by only 17,970 votes of 4,519,312. . . .

Earle Clements of Kentucky, backed by labor, lost by a mere 6,981 votes out of 1,006,825. . . .

Kenneth Holum of South Dakota, also supported by trade unionists, lost by a bare 4,620 votes out of 290,622.

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Now what do these figures mean?—

They mean this . . .

In all but two or three instances where labor-supported candidates came through victoriously it was due chiefly to the fact that trade unionists had registered and had gone to the polls on Election Day.

In cases where they lost, it generally can be charged to union members who had not taken the trouble to register.

And they mean this . . .

Registration is a year-'round job. It cannot be done in a few weeks before an election. By that time, it's too late to get all those union members registered who had neglected to qualify to vote until then.

Let's get busy NOW and see that every AFL-CIO member and adult members of his or her family is registered to vote in 1957. Local unions should set up registration committees to conduct general campaigns for registration among union members and their wives and husbands.

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Is Your Name Written There?

—on the voting list?

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
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COLORED PEOPLE

20 West 40th Street, New York 18, N. Y.

Is your name written there?—on the voting list?

If you want to have a say about how you are treated as a citizen, you must register and vote.

You can complain all day and weep all night, but public officials will not pay much attention to you. Local, state and federal governments listen to *voters*.

In the South as a whole, only 26 out of every 100 Negro citizens of voting age are actually registered.

On the other hand, 60 out of every 100 white citizens of voting age are registered.

In some localities and counties the picture is worse and in a few it is better, but the average of the whole South shows Negro registration far behind.

Get your name on the voting list!

If your state has a poll tax, pay it and then register.

The Federal Civil Rights statutes protect your right to register and vote.

Find out the requirements in your state. Go to the registration place at the usual time and apply to register. Know when the primary and general elections are held.

If you have difficulty and you think you are being treated illegally, report the details to the NAACP in your town, or write to:

For Southern States:

MR. J. M. BROOKS
NAACP REGISTRATION DIRECTOR
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

For West Coast Region:

MRS. TAREA H. PITTMAN
NAACP WEST COAST REGIONAL OFFICE
690 Market Street
San Francisco, California

For All Other Regions:

MR. HENRY LEE MOON
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

I AM REGISTERED

★ AND WILL VOTE NOV. 3 ★

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

If You Don't Vote Don't Squawk

N.A.A.C.P.

REGISTER

Crusade for Voters

Stop Begging!... Start VOTING!

PLEASE POST

Don't be a VOMBIE

NORTH CAROLINA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

A Vombie is a person who, though living, is dead as far as his country is concerned, because he isn't registered and can't vote.

(The way to bring a vombie back to legal life is to get him registered, Tell him WHEN, WHERE and HOW. Then haunt him until he does).

Listen!
Read!
Look!
Talk!
Argue!
Think!
then VOTE

REGISTER!

SATURDAYS, October 10, 17 & 24, 1964 at Voting Places from 9:00 A.M. to sunset.

WEEKDAYS, OCT. 12TH THRU 23RD AT THE REGISTRARS HOME OR PLACE OF BUSINESS FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

General Election November 3rd. 1964

PLEASE POST

WE'RE TOO YOUNG TO REGISTER OR VOTE

WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

North Carolina NAACP Branches
YOUTH AND COLLEGE CHAPTERS
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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM REGISTRAR TO COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Fill in two copies of this form. Give one to the registrar or person that refused to register you and keep one.

Filed with (Name of registrar) _____
I applied to you for registration as a voter on;
(Date) _____
AND WAS DENIED REGISTRATION BY YOU. I appeal to the County Board of Elections.

My Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ City _____

The reason for this appeal is that I am fully qualified to register and vote. I have been denied the right.

This notice is filed with you at ___ o'clock, Date _____

Sign Your Name _____

FORM CBE

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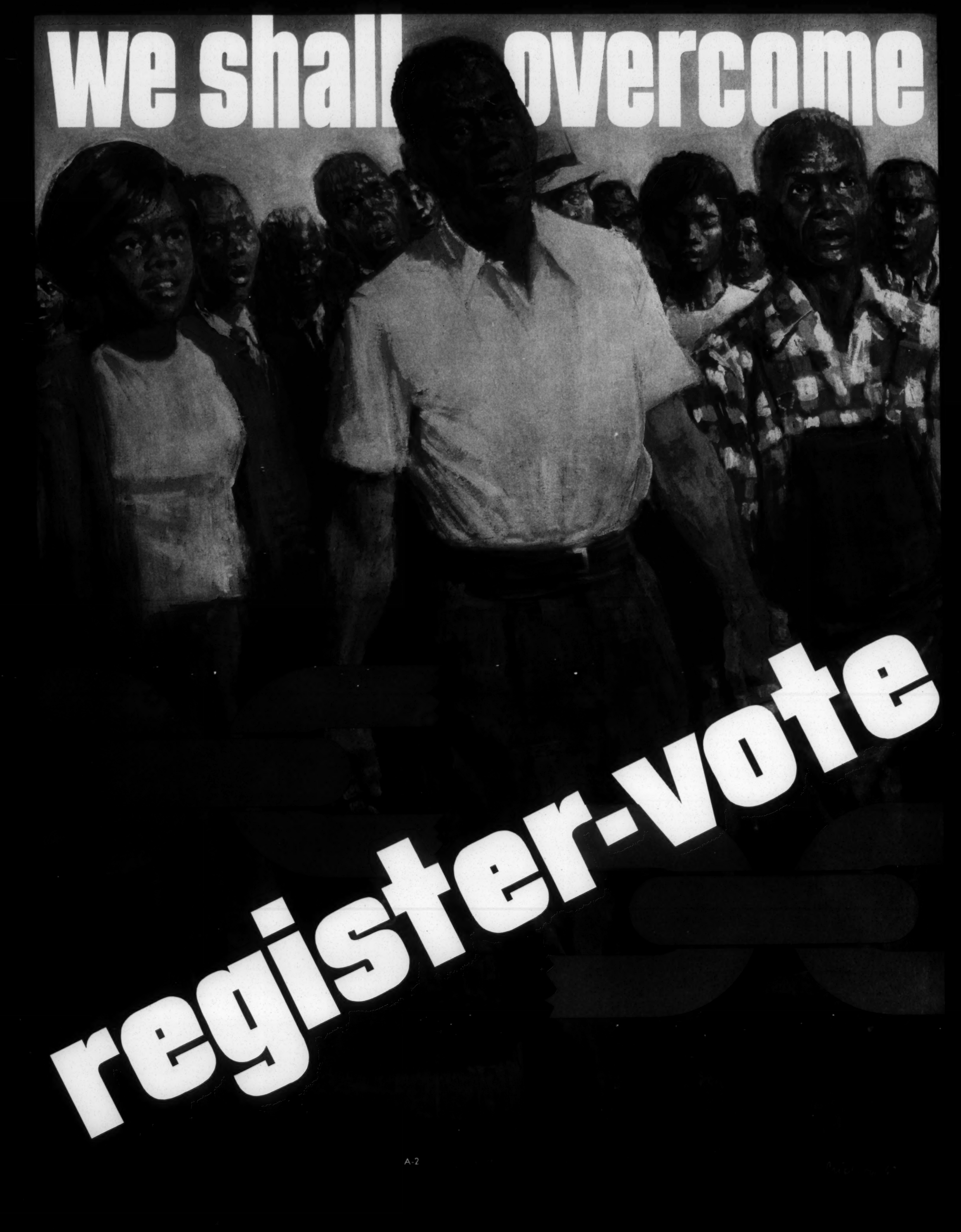
we shall overcome
register-vote

REGISTER TO VOTE!

the house you build may be your own

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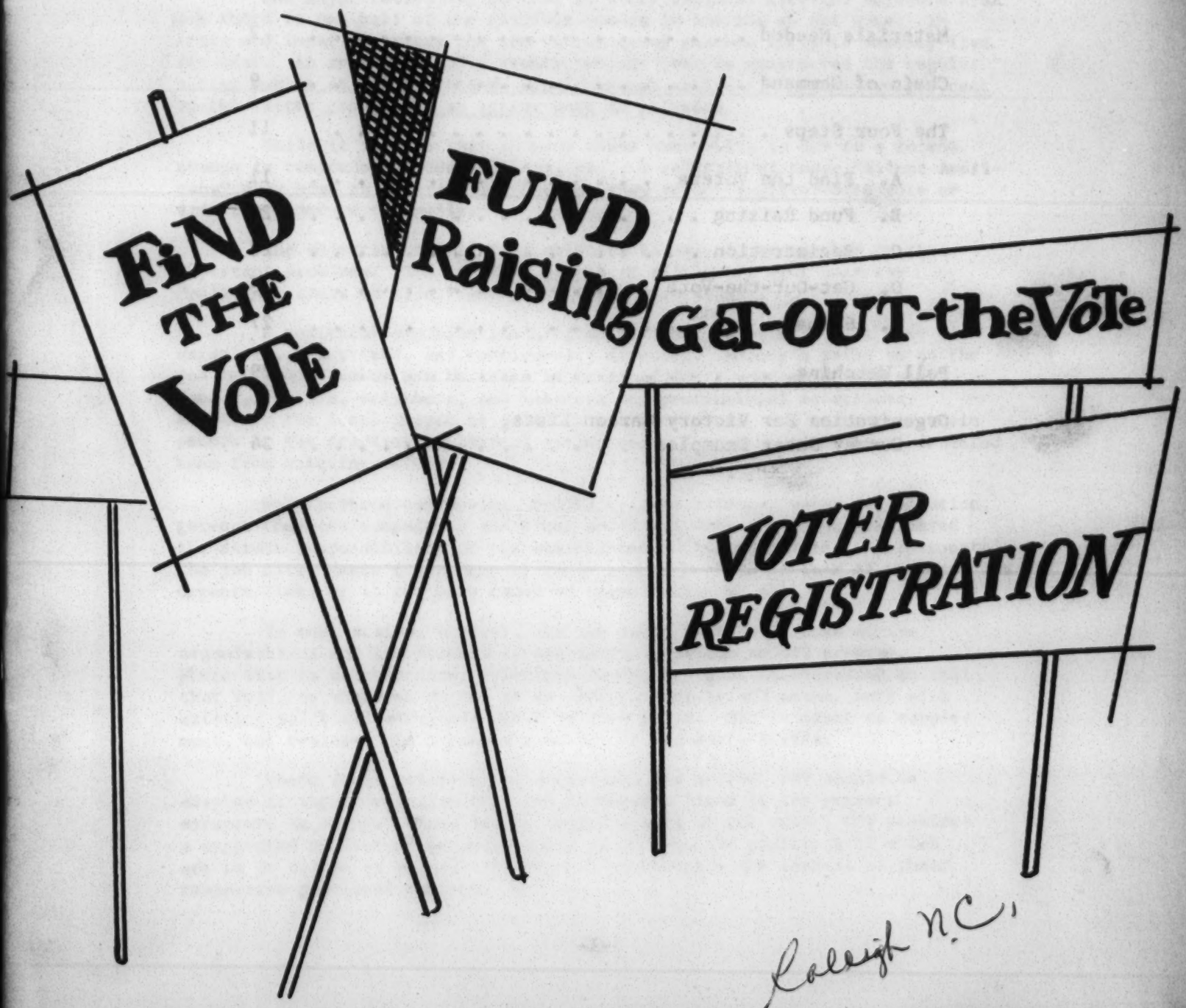
A Blueprint for Winning Elections

LEADERSHIP MANUAL



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ORGANIZATION FOR VICTORY

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Introduction

ORGANIZATION FOR VICTORY (OFV) is a carefully planned PROGRAM DESIGNED TO GET A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VOTERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMPAIGN AND TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY. The objective is to win the election for your party, your candidate.

The program can be used by any political party, in any state, and for an election at any level of government from the local school board to a presidential campaign. It provides a four-step blueprint of action from campaign planning stage to election day victory:

1. Find the Voters
2. Fund Raising
3. Voter Registration
4. Get-Out-the-Vote

Thousands of Americans today are voicing their concern about the problems facing their government at all levels, local through national. Many of these problems literally shout for solution, yet year after year they stagnate in a political limbo.

One major reason may be that in every national election anywhere from one third to one half of the eligible voters in America do not vote. In state and local elections the non-voting group reaches fifty to seventy-five per cent. An average of only twenty-two per cent is considered the regular voting public at all elections, local through national. A mere two per cent of the latter group take an active part in politics.

While it is true that in many cases non-voting is due to a recent change in residency, sudden illness, etc., a majority of these "silent Americans" stay home on election day because they're not registered to vote or aren't prodded to the polls.

The objective is clear if solution is ever to be reached on these important problems: The American people at all levels must know the "political facts of life," and participate accordingly.

A political organization program will not run itself. It must be organized, supervised, and continuously directed. Nobody's going to do the job for you. You've got to think in terms of do-it-yourself; sell your family, friends, neighbors, and business and professional associates; emphasize the local impact of politics and government; and enlist and train people in the practical political fields where fear and apathy have prevented them from entering before.

Neighborhood canvassing, political fund raising, voter registration, get-out-the-vote campaigns, and other political work should be considered the direct responsibility of the established political parties. Unfortunately, the job often doesn't get done by these groups because of lack of workers, lax organization, or in too many cases no organization at all.

In most states, however, the two major parties do have active organizations and the leadership necessary to direct an OFV program. Where that is not the case, volunteer leadership must be recruited to fill that void, to whatever degree it may exist. But by all means, work with existing political structure where it does exist. OFV is meant to supplement, not replace, the organizations of our two-party system.

Where local political organizations are active, OFV should be adapted to those organizational and leadership lines if the present structure is sound. Where active organizations do not exist, OFV provides a suggested outline of organizational structure, the positions of which are to be filled by volunteers who will then become the leaders of their respective political parties.

Victory or Defeat, the Difference

A group of citizens espousing the same basic school of political ideals can have the best program, best candidates, and most money in a campaign -- and lose. They can lose because all these are worthless if they don't register their own supporters and get them to vote on election day. The following examples demonstrate the point:

FOR PRESIDENT

1. Rutherford B. Hayes vs. Samuel J. Tilden, 1876

   Hayes was elected President by one electoral vote. The man who cast that deciding vote for Hayes was a Congressman from Indiana who was himself elected to Congress by one popular vote. And that one vote was cast by a man who, though seriously ill, insisted on being taken to the polls to cast his ballot.

2. Charles Evans Hughes vs. Woodrow Wilson, 1916

   Hughes went to bed as the new President on election night, but woke up defeated. During the night returns came in from the State of California. Wilson carried the state by 3,806 votes out of nearly one million cast. Less than one vote per precinct in this one state returned him to the White House.

3. Harry S Truman vs. Thomas E. Dewey, 1948

   Truman carried Ohio by only 7,107 votes out of nearly three million cast, and California by only 17,865 votes out of about four million cast. A difference of less than one vote per precinct in those two states would have given Dewey the 50 electoral votes involved, thus throwing the final decision into the House of Representatives.

4. John F. Kennedy vs. Richard M. Nixon, 1960

   Kennedy won the 1960 election by 112,253 votes out of sixty-nine million cast. Again less than one vote per precinct throughout the nation could have changed an election. A total switch of just 11,874 votes in the five states of Hawaii, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, and Nevada would have given Nixon the Presidency.

FOR U. S. SENATOR

1. Alabama. Lister Hill (D) vs. James Martin (R), 1962

   Alabama came within 6,803 votes of electing its first Republican United States Senator in history. Incumbent Senator Hill was re-elected by less than two votes per precinct.

2. South Dakota. Joe Bottum (R) vs. George S. McGovern (D), 1962

   Incumbent Joe Bottum lost by 597 votes out of 254,319 cast. A difference of one vote in every third precinct would have changed this outcome.

FOR U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. Minnesota. Robert J. Odegard (R) vs. Alec G. Olson (D-F-L), 1962
   Olson won by 348 votes out of 154,272 cast.

2. Virginia. J. Vaughn Gary (D) vs. Louis H. Williams (R), 1962
   Another squeaker of 348 votes. Gary was re-elected.

3. New York. Hugh L. Carey (D) vs. Francis E. Dorn (R), 1962
   Dorn lost by 383 votes out of 110,821 cast.

FOR GOVERNOR

1. Maine. John H. Reed (R) vs. Maynard C. Dolloff (D), 1962
   Reed was re-elected by 483 votes out of 293,000 cast.

2. Rhode Island. John A. Notte, Jr. (D) vs. John H. Chafee (R), 1962
   Challenger Chafee defeated Governor Notte by 398 votes out of 328,000 cast.

3. Minnesota. Elmer L. Andersen (R) vs. Karl F. Rolvaag (D-F-L), 1962
   In this classic contest Andersen lost his bid for re-election by 91 votes out of approximately 1,240,000 cast -- slightly more than one vote per county.

WHERE ARE THE NON-VOTERS???

A few more statistics further underscore just how widespread non-voting is among many segments of our population:

THESE PEOPLE

IIIIIIIIIIII (12)

MAKE ALL THE DECISIONS

FOR THESE PEOPLE

IIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIII (20)

WHICH GROUP ARE YOU IN?

In a typical residential block we find 10 homes and 20 eligible voters. Using the 1960 election returns as a base (and 1960 was considered a "heavy" voting year), we find that an average of 8 Americans in every block who could have voted did not do so. These figures are generally applicable to suburban as well as to urban communities.

A more specific example of our indifferent citizenry was revealed after a recent presidential election by Charles S. Nelson, then Executive Secretary of the Ohio State Medical Association. His survey of Summit County, Ohio, showed that the following groups did not vote:

18 per cent of all physicians; 22 per cent of their wives; 10 per cent of the Rotary Club members; 18 per cent of the druggists; 11 per cent of the

teachers; 32 per cent of the bank employees; 33 per cent of the retail grocers; and 21 per cent of the local chamber of commerce members.

Still another example stems from a recent survey of the middle-management group in a large oil company which showed that of 125 executives, only 32 were registered to vote. Checks made of luncheon club members in another survey showed that only 55 per cent of the members registered, let alone voted.

Finally, we relate the tragic experience of Pennsylvania Governor William W. Scranton a few weeks after being elected in 1962. In his own words, "I considered 22 businessmen as possibilities for the Pennsylvania cabinet.

"I found that 11 of them had not voted in the primary election, eight had not voted in the general election, and five had not voted in the 1960 presidential election."

Tips on Planning Political Organization Meetings

1. Schedule your recruitment and training sessions far enough in advance to avoid schedule conflicts for those who should attend. Avoid holding a meeting at a time that is too close to local celebrations, holidays, major sports events, etc. Set tentative schedules when possible, and then check out the dates with those who are to attend before firming the dates.

2. The meetings will usually take about two hours. The best time may be from 7-8 to 9-10 P. M. on week days, though Saturdays may be preferable in some communities.

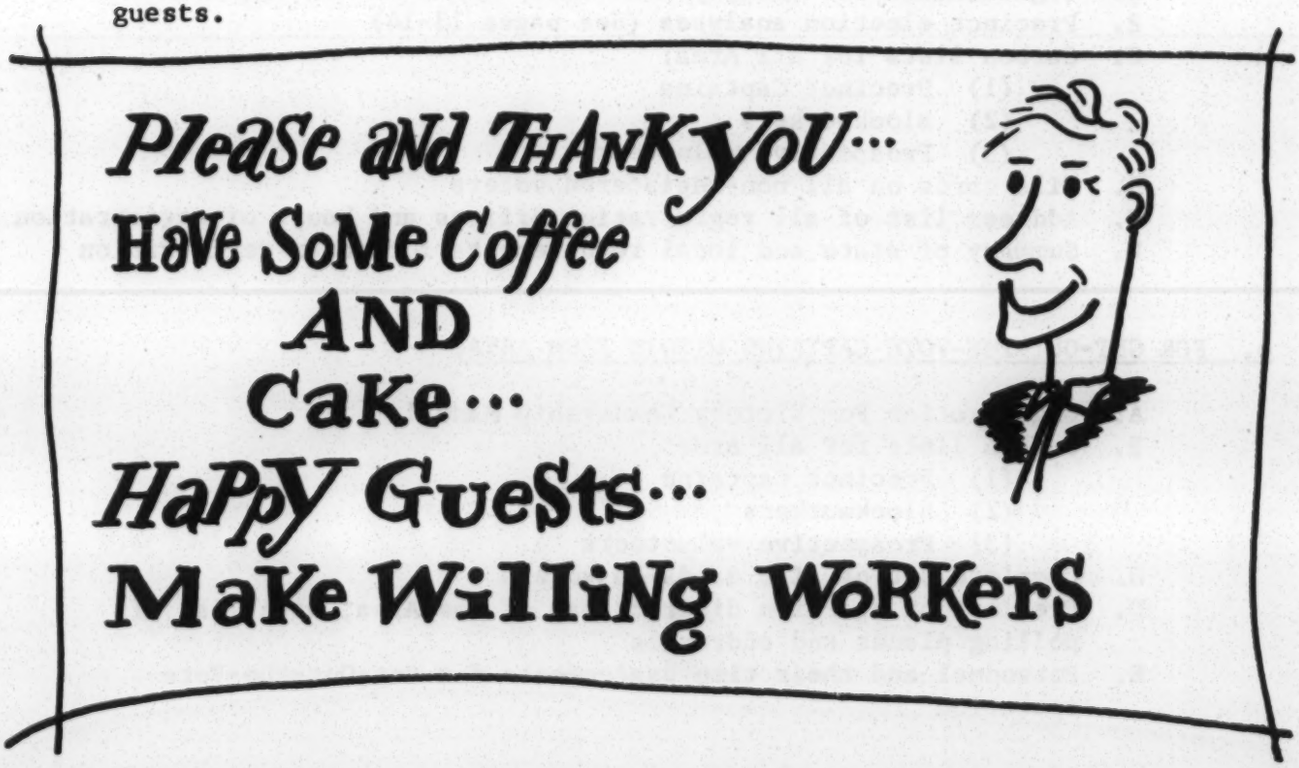
3. Your own home or the home of a volunteer is normally the best place to hold recruitment and training sessions. A home provides a more personal and friendly atmosphere than a hotel, business, or civic meeting room.

4. Don't ask people to come and listen to a political speech or merely to "talk politics." Hitch your appeal to a candidate and/or issue of current interest to your invitees at the time of the meeting.

5. Be sure to remind by phone or mail at least two weeks in advance all who are to attend the meeting, giving the date agreed upon, the time, and the place. Stress the importance of 100 per cent attendance.

6. Have on hand all materials necessary for the meeting. If slides are to be shown, tapes played, etc., have a projector or recorder ready to use. If you don't know how to run the equipment, practice before the meeting.

7. Don't forget to have some after-the-meeting refreshments for your guests.



Materials Needed

1. FOR FIELD AND AREA CAPTAINS WITHIN EACH FIELD:

   A. Organization For Victory Leadership Manual
   B. Carbon lists of (See page 35):
      (1) Area Captains
      (2) Registration Captains
      (3) Get-Out-the-Vote Captains
   C. Maps showing the precincts or election districts of each Area

2. FOR AREA CAPTAINS ONLY:

   A. Carbon lists of all precincts within the Area of (See pages 13-14 and 36-44):
      (1) Precinct Captains
      (2) Election analyses
      (3) Blockworkers
      (4) Miscellaneous volunteers
      (5) Prospective volunteers
      (6) Contributors
      (7) Originals of all precinct survey sheets
   B. Map showing all Area precincts

3. FOR REGISTRATION CAPTAINS WITHIN EACH AREA:

   A. Organization For Victory Leadership Manual
   B. Precinct election analyses (See pages 13-14)
   C. Carbon lists for all Area:
      (1) Precinct Captains
      (2) Blockworkers
      (3) Prospective volunteers
   D. File cards on all non-registered voters
   E. Address list of all registration offices and hours of registration
   F. Summary of state and local requirements for voter registration

4. FOR GET-OUT-THE-VOTE CAPTAINS WITHIN EACH AREA:

   A. Organization For Victory Leadership Manual
   B. Carbon lists for all Area:
      (1) Precinct Captains
      (2) Blockworkers
      (3) Prospective volunteers
   C. Complete set of file cards on voters
   D. Precinct or election district map of the Area, with list of polling places and addresses
   E. Personnel and their time assignments for Get-Out-the-Vote operation

5. FOR PRECINCT CAPTAINS:

A. Precinct analysis
B. Carbon lists of:
   (1) Precinct Captains within the Area
   (2) Blockworkers
   (3) Miscellaneous volunteers
   (4) Prospective volunteers
   (5) Contributors
C. An ample supply of Blockworker Kits for precinct Blockworkers, and extra survey sheets (See pages 40-44)
D. A complete card file on all voters in the precinct

6. FOR THE BLOCKWORKERS:

A. Blockworker Kits
B. Extra Survey Sheets
C. Blank, multi-colored cards (or forms) for all voters in the block

Chain of Command

1. FIELD CAPTAIN

In most states the geographical entity for a Field Area will probably be a congressional district. However, in the smaller states at one extreme and the most populous ones at the other, as much as an entire state or as little as a city or a section of a city may be designated as such.

In cities which have two or more congressional districts, e.g., New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, or Los Angeles, each congressional district should be a Field Area in organizational structure.

The Field Captain will set up geographical subdivisions within his own area. The main criterion used in deciding these subdivisions should be that each is a workable unit, and can be easily directed by the Area Captain of the unit.

2. AREA CAPTAIN

A county (if the entire county is within the same congressional district) should ordinarily serve as an Area unit, though a large city within any given county could be set up as a separate Area. If there is a large suburban population bordering such a city, that part of the county could be designated as a third Area. Thus you would have, for example, the rural sections of a county serving as one Area, the suburbs bordering a large city serving as a second Area, and the core city itself serving as a third Area.

The Area Captain appoints Precinct Captains to assist him in whatever organization work is to be done. The geographical entity under Precinct Captain responsibility should in most cases not exceed that of a legally constituted election district.

3. REGISTRATION AND GET-OUT-THE-VOTE CAPTAINS

The Area Captain will also appoint a Registration and a Get-Out-the-Vote Captain (two positions) to work with him on their specific responsibilities. Holders of the latter two positions will be responsible to the Area Captain for all Registration and Get-Out-the-Vote organization in the Area subdivision.

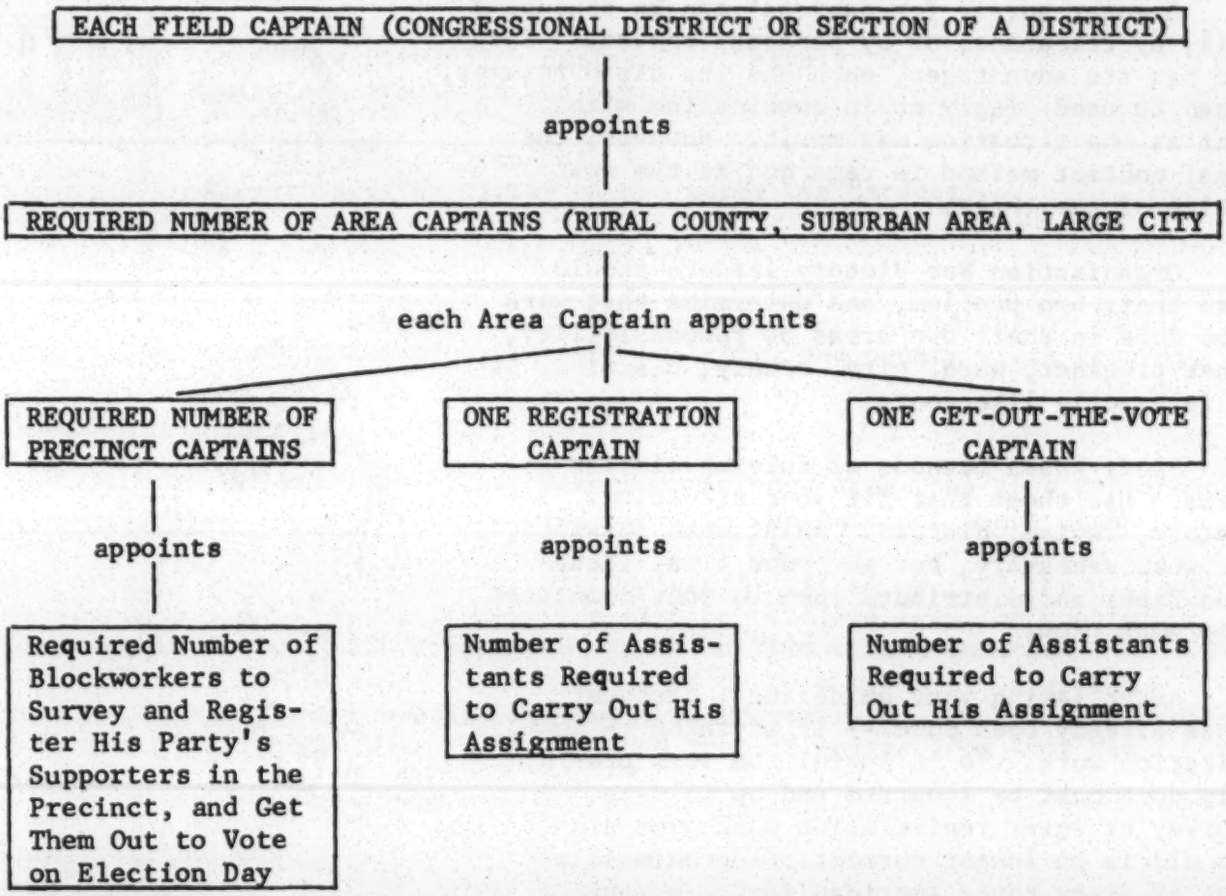
4. PRECINCT CAPTAIN

The Precinct Captains in residential precincts will be responsible for finding capable and adequate numbers of blockworkers to assist them in the work that must be done. Rural Captains will often be able to work their precinct with the help of one or two assistants.

Complete records should be kept by Area Captains of the Blockworkers, Assistants, Precinct, Registration, and Get-Out-the-Vote Captains, and of the Miscellaneous and Prospective workers in their Areas.

These records can be kept on OFV carbon lists and/or on file cards. The point is to have the names available when needed! (See pages 34 to 44 for examples of OFV carbon lists.)

OFV Organization Diagram



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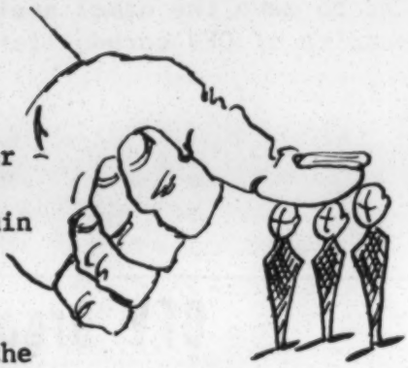
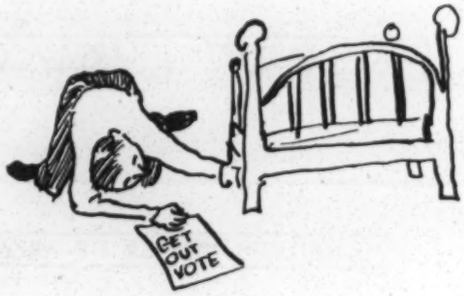


STEP ONE: FIND THE VOTERS

The task of locating new supporters for your party and keeping "tabs" on the old ones is a continuing responsibility. This requires that a certain amount of canvassing must be done in each election campaign.

Canvassing is a job which must be done at the precinct and block level. Like other political work, it requires supervision and direction.



A voter survey (or canvass) can be conducted by mail, by telephone, or by personal contact. Each method has its advantages, each has its disadvantages. Each can be used singly or in combination with another as the situation may merit. However, the personal contact method is regarded as the most effective of the three.

Organization For Victory leaders should analyze their own problem, and determine what work must be done in their own areas of responsibility. No other precinct, ward, city, county, district, or state is exactly like yours.

Study known methods of solving similar problems. Use those that fit your situation. Brainstorm, revise, discuss. Adapt when possible, invent when necessary, but get your final ideas down on paper and distribute them to your committee and top work crew.

After laying your guidelines, discount what has already been done -- if anything -- in organization work. To be useful the work previously done must be accurate and up to date. Any survey or voter registration work over six months old is no longer current. Approximately one out of every three American families moves during a calendar year.

When the voters of your Area are listed in a recent precinct survey, Step One is completed. Where this job has not been completed yet -- or begun -- volunteer block and precinct workers must do a thorough house-to-house survey before proceeding to any other campaign activity. The success of any fund raising, registration, or get-out-the-vote campaign is dependent solely on the thoroughness and accuracy of this survey.

1. PRECINCT SURVEY AND ANALYSIS

Don't go into an Area blind. Know the territory. Before starting from scratch or proceeding on work already underway, Precinct Captains -- under the direction of their Area Captain (or a research assistant he may assign to oversee this task) -- should compile an analysis of the voting pattern throughout the Area precinct by precinct. Voting statistics from the last three state and national elections should be used in this analysis. This information will indicate which precincts are worth working. Arrange them in descending order, beginning with those containing the most votes for your party. (See pages 13 and 14 for sample analysis sheet.)

ITEMS TO THINK ABOUT WHEN ANALYZING YOUR PRECINCT

A. How many voters are...first voters...over 65...home owners...men...women?

B. Are there prevailing nationality, ethnic, or religious groups in the precinct?

C. Is it a "swing" precinct, i.e., can it go to either party by virtue of who works the hardest?

D. Is voter registration required?

Most of the information on the analysis sheet is matter of public record, and can be obtained from township, city, and county clerk records.

2. MAPS

Where no survey work has been done in your Area, the Area Captain should obtain a city or rural county map with the precinct lines drawn in, and individual precinct maps for his Precinct Captains. Large-scale maps can usually be purchased at the city engineer's office or from the village or township clerk. Township maps can also be obtained from the county court house or from plat maps which may be on file with a suburban developer. Suburban areas may require maps of both types -- urban and rural. If no maps are available, draw them yourself, or request them from a Member of Congress. He can obtain them free of charge from Army Map Service.

3. WHO NEEDS MAPS

Those in a leadership position should maintain on a large map a record of progress for the entire area of their responsibility. Organizational divisions and subdivisions should be numbered and/or lettered within their respective boundaries. Work progress can be recorded on the map by line, color, number, or letter designations. Then problems which develop in certain areas can be quickly spotted and flying squads can be sent in to assist the assigned volunteers.

1. Ward Number _____

2. Village or City _____

3. County Government

District Name or Number _____

1-Precinct Name or #	2-Election of (yr.)	3-President		4-U.S. Senate		5-Congressional		6-Gubernatorial		7-State Senate	
		GOP	Dem	GOP	Dem	GOP	Dem	GOP	Dem	GOP	Dem

*1. Total ballots cast is the number of persons who voted, as distinguished from the total number of persons who voted for the candidates for any single office. There are usually some people who do not vote for every office on the ballot.

*2. This figure is necessary for determining the potential eligible vote. If precinct population figures are not available, use those of the next highest collective unit which are available, e.g., for a city in which a precinct or ward is located. Be sure to use figures of the same size governmental unit for columns 11, 12, and 13 as those used in column 10.

*3. A figure which approximates sixty per cent of the total population can be used to

SHEET

4. State Legislative (House, Assembly, Senate) District Number _____

5. Congressional District Number _____

8-State House		9-Total Ballots Cast, See *1 below	10-1960 Population, See *2 below	11-1964 Potential Vote See *3 below	12-Registered Voters as of Date of Analysis				13-Potential Voters Not Registered, See *4 below
GOP	Dem				GOP	Dem	Ind	Total	

estimate the potential eligible vote. The figure for complete accuracy is carried out to four decimal places. However, sixty per cent will suffice for your purposes here. It should be noted that occasionally, e.g., in certain suburban areas, the mean age of the population will be quite low, thus lowering the number of potential voters as well. In other areas the mean age may be higher than normal.

*4. To determine the number of potential eligible voters not registered (column 13), subtract the total number of registered voters (column 12) from the 1964 potential voters (column 11).

Precinct Captains should be provided with a map of their area large enough so that the blocks can be numbered and work progress recorded on it. As the organization develops more maps may be needed, e.g., for fund raising, registration workers, get-out-the-vote committee, etc.

Rural areas should be divided according to any means which may fit the situation, but never encompassing such a large tract that it becomes unworkable as a geographic unit.

4. SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE

A. Block. A block is a block of voters. It clearly defines the area to be assigned to blockworkers. In urban and many suburban precincts, a block will usually be one city block, though it could be just one apartment building, or two or three blocks in suburbia. In rural precincts a block is an area of one or more sections of land on which 10 to 15 families live.

B. Precinct. A precinct is a legal geographic unit containing all the people who vote at one assigned voting place. In some states a precinct is known as an election district. Most urban precincts are designated by a number. Rural precincts are usually designated by the township or village name. Most rural townships are single voting precincts. An incorporated village is usually a precinct separate from the township in which it is located. In those townships and villages having more than one precinct, each precinct is designated by a number, and is sometimes referred to as a "ward" rather than as a precinct.

C. Ward. A ward within a city is two or more precincts grouped together to form a geographical and often a governmental unit. Large cities usually have several wards. Cities in some p ts of the nation use state legislative (state house, assembly, or senate) districts, or commissioner or freeholder county government district boundary lines instead of wards.

D. County Government Units. A county commissioner, supervisor, or freeholder district is a group of precincts within a county which form a unit to elect a representative for the county's governing body.

E. Note: Your state may use different nomenclature than that listed above. If your state does use different terminology to define your governmental units, simply substitute your own for the ones given in the text.

5. SURVEY IN A NUTSHELL

Every election year organization blockworkers throughout the state (or local election area) ring doorbells as step number one of Organization For Victory. The first time a block is surveyed, the purpose is to obtain the vital political information on the voters in the block as well as to find new workers, contributors, and non-registered voters. In subsequent years, the block is resurveyed, using the information from previous years as a foundation to be updated and added to.

Before the neighborhood survey begins, all workers should be thoroughly trained by their immediate supervisors and given a kit containing all necessary materials to complete their assignments.

When the survey sheets are turned in, accurate records should be made of the information on them and whatever follow up necessary to complete steps two, three, and four of OFV should be taken. (See pages 43 and 44 for suggested survey sheets.)

When making their calls, volunteers should:

A. Be neat, but not overdressed.

B. Be friendly and as informal as possible -- consistent with the area.

C. A typical opener: "Hello (good afternoon, etc.) I'm Mary Smith (John Jones, etc.). I'm helping blank organization to take a political survey of this neighborhood (city, etc.). I'd be grateful if you would answer a few questions for me. If you have any questions on voting procedure for the upcoming election, I'll try to answer them for you."

D. If the answer is favorable, record all information thoroughly and accurately. Don't overstay your time and wear out your welcome.

E. If the answer is negative or belligerent, leave graciously, politely, and as quickly as possible.

F. If the answer is non-committal, carry the conversation as far as you can without making an enemy and record your observations of the situation.

G. Don't waste your valuable time in idle conversation with supporters or in argument with opponents.

H. Some families may be away from home when you are surveying the block. Recording all house numbers in order as you reach the houses will ensure against forgetting which homes you must call on again.

I. Never assume that you can fill out the survey sheet for your close neighbors because you think you know them so well. Survey them. You'll be surprised at many of the answers you get.

J. When listing a married woman, list as follows: Mrs., husband's first name, wife's first name in parentheses, husband's middle initial, husband's last name. This procedure will save you innumberable headaches in record keeping.

K. You should always leave an attractive leaflet, pamphlet, or other handout with the voters as they're surveyed. Because of the situation, they will be receptive to reading some good, factual material. Don't pass up this opportunity.

L. Workers should also have with them:

(1) A map of the area to be covered

(2) Location of the voting place in the precinct worked

(3) Registration requirements

(4) Registration dates, places, and hours

(5) Dates of primary and general elections

(6) Rules for absentee balloting

(7) List of candidates and their qualifications

6. SET UP A TIMETABLE

A specific timetable must be set up and include every significant detail from start to finish. Your local OFV timetable should include the following dates and deadlines, at a minimum:

A. From _____ to _____ analyze your area, gather needed materials.

B. From _____ to _____ recruit and train leadership and workers.

C. From _____ to _____ survey, gather, review, file material.

D. From _____ to _____ register non-registered voters.

E. From _____ to _____ set up and put to work the Get-Out-the-Vote organization.

F. From _____ to _____get-out-the-vote.

G. Victory on Election Day.

The leader in each area of responsibility is expected to report to his own immediate supervisor the day following each deadline so that the momentum is maintained and the job gets done. This includes the Get-Out-the-Vote committee. A final report should be made by each division and subdivision leader following the election so that the data, success, or failure can be studied and improved upon in the next campaign. Each Field Captain has the responsibility of collecting the OFV Progress Reports (see page 34) from his Area Captains on dates to be determined by himself.

7. GENERAL POLITICAL AND ELECTION INFORMATION

Organization For Victory field leadership should put together a table of general political and election information for your own state. Such a timetable can be both general and specific at the same time. One example of how it might be done and some of information which should be on it follow on page 19.

General Political and Election Information

Month	Even Year	Odd Year
	This timetable should include the following information (at a minumum) in chronological order:	
January	A. What offices are filled in even-numbered years? Election dates?	
February	B. What offices are filled in odd-numbered years? years? Election dates?	
March	C. Closing date of candidate filing?	
April	D. Poll tax payment deadline for primary election? For general election?	
May	E. Voter registration deadline for primary election? For general election?	
June	F. Presidential preference primary election date?	
	G. Regular and run off primary dates?	
July	H. General election date?	
August	I. Republican and Democrat precinct or town meeting dates?	
September	J. Republican and Democrat county, district, and state convention dates?	
October	K. Republican and Democrat national convention dates?	
November	L. Major fund raising events and dates for both parties?	
December	M. Date the state legislature meets?	
	N. Date new governor assumes office?	
	O. Dates of major local and city elections in state?	

8. MANPOWER NEEDS

Review your manpower needs. How many and what kind of people are needed -- and where? Figure out approximately how many people you need for leadership positions, and how many volunteers should serve under each one. Some people in both categories will be readily available. Others you will have to persuade. Choose from the available supply.

Be cognizant of the difference between persuading an eager worker who questions his ability to carry the responsibility involved and one who is reluctant because he won't do anything if given the assignment.

Don't give any one person more than he or she can handle. When adequate numbers of workers are not available, narrow your objectives and do what you can. It's always better to get part of the job done well rather than trying to do too much with the human resources you have, consequently stretching the program so thin as to render it ineffective. Offer incentives to do more and better work. And don't forget the magic word -- THANKS!

9. WHERE TO RECRUIT

Following are some leads where manpower (and womanpower) is usually on tap for the asking (or gentle persuading):

A. Women's organizations and clubs. Don't underestimate the girls, men. This job cannot be done properly without their help. Leonard W. Hall, former Republican National Chairman, voiced the feeling of most political professionals when he said: "I would trade two ordinary men workers for a woman worker any day."

   And don't forget, women have a numerical edge over men, too. In 1958, they outvoted the males. In 1964 women voters will outnumber the men by approximately 3.6 million. And in recent elections, active women workers have outnumbered the men by an estimated four to one.

B. Youth organizations, including high school and college student groups, Boy and Girl Scouts, 4-H, etc.

C. Senior citizens who may be in semi or full retirement, but who look forward to doing something worthwhile with some of their newly-found leisure time.

D. Volunteers and friends of past and present candidates, and former candidates themselves.

E. There are hundreds of local, state, and national civic, fraternal, and religious organizations around the country, with hundreds of thousands of members.

Many of these members will support your cause simply for the asking -- because they're already in basic agreement with you.

F. The Farm Bureau, and other farm and professional organizations.

G. Teachers, professors, thought leaders in your community.

H. Old survey records.

I. Precinct caucus, town meeting attendance lists.

J. Letter-to-the-editor writers.

K. Organization and church membership lists.

Whatever your source of help, give your volunteers incentives for working other than the "political cause." Make them welcome. It should not be difficult to arrange for some recognition awards during and after the campaign. Certainly the party, candidates, and others who may be benefiting from the work of the volunteers can give them an appreciation party for their dedicated public service efforts. In summary, use people. And remember to say THANKS! Please!

10. CHECKLIST OF POLITICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

The following list contains many of the job opportunities for individuals available in a political campaign. This is not an exhaustive listing, but only indicates some of the opportunities available to individuals in political work.

Precinct Work	Meetings, Rallies, Social Events
Preparing voter index cards and lists	Planning programs
Phone calls (to get people to register and vote)	Planning and running money-raising events
House-to-house canvassing	Acting as meeting master of ceremonies
Recruiting party workers	Ticket selling
Providing transportation to the polls on election day	Bookkeeping (receipts and expenditures)
Poll clerk	Planning and running rallies
Registration clerk	Decorations and arrangements
Poll watcher	Organizing parades
Registration watcher	Obtaining speakers
Block Captain	Briefing speakers
Precinct Captain	Escorting speakers to meeting places

Campaign Work	Advanced Work
Publicity	Ward chairman or leader
Public Speaking	Town chairman or leader
Arranging speaking engagements	County chairman or leader
Speech writing	Campaign Manager
Research	Finance chairman, publicity chairman
Legal	Serving in an appointive government office
Filing	Candidate for office
Typing	
Making phone calls (to encourage people to register and vote)	
Distributing literature	
Planning and putting out mailings	
Manning sound truck	
Preparing posters, streamers, etc.	
Putting up posters	
Designing buttons, car stickers, literature, etc.	
Buying time and space in advertising media	

11. TRAINING

Methodically train your workers. Don't just give them tools and assignments. Set specific dates for volunteers to report to their Captains. Keep accurate and up-to-date records on all work in progress and planned.

Why train? To launch Organization For Victory with enthusiasm and know-how. The success of the program depends on the full understanding of what has to be accomplished and how to get the job done. The purpose of training is to inspire, motivate, and instruct.

Who should be trained? Everyone. Field Captains before recruiting Area Captains, Area Captains before recruiting Precinct Captains, Precinct Captains before training Blockworkers. All records and material necessary for fulfillment of responsibility at each leadership level should be thoroughly explained and given to OFV workers at every level of training sessions.

A suggested agenda for training sessions follows:

A. Welcome

B. Introduction -- of yourself, any special guests. Have each attendant introduce himself to the group.

C. The challenge -- the job to be accomplished.

D. How to do it -- review contents of material.

E. Discussion, questions, and answers.

F. A closing challenge, thanks for attendance reminder of importance of the job, and of deadlines for step-by-step goals.

G. Refreshments.

STEP TWO: FUND RAISING

The primary objectives of Organization For Victory are registration and get-out-the vote. Consequently, no elaborate directions are given herein to the fund raising part of a political organization program.

However, to run a campaign, political parties and candidates must have money from volunteer contributors. When the neighborhood survey (Step One) is conducted, blockworkers should urge voters to contribute to the party and/or candidate(s) of their choice.

Those voters who indicate a desire to contribute -- as recorded on the voter survey sheet -- should be referred to the finance chairmen of the respective parties and candidates for follow up.

STEP THREE: REGISTRATION

Names, money, organization, issues and candidates do no good if people don't vote on election day. And one of the most common reasons for not voting is lack of registration. The purpose of a registration program is to quality citizens to vote.

It is not enough to rely on the general appeal of good citizenship programs. These are worthy and they deserve party support. But they do not necessarily bring about registrations in your party -- or as many as are potentially available.

Naturally a registration program should aim at 100 per cent registration of your party's supporters. On the other hand, it is vitally important that the program be realistic in relation to available manpower. Quotas must be attainable, goals and deadlines achievable.

When the neighborhood survey lists (from Step One) have been compiled, Registration Captains should have volunteers check the names against city hall and court house registration files. State law in most states -- if not all -- allows this to be done, since those files are matter of public record.

When this check has been completed, the names of all non-registered supporters should be given to registration assistants for follow up. DO NOT use a telephone for this follow up, except as a last resort. Only personal contact can guarantee that these non-registered citizens will get their names on the registration rolls.

Obtain all local information concerning the details of registration in your municipality. Check with registration officials

to find out if there are or will be any other places to register except city hall, the exact times and dates a person may register, and what other special local provisions may have been made.

Have for each non-registered voter a card or slip of paper with the vital information on it:

A. Last day to register

B. Where to register

C. Hours of registration

D. Special provisions, if any

E. Messages from the candidates and officers of the political party in which the voter will register.

F. The names and phone numbers of the local party officers the voter may call for election information and assistance.

G. Where information on absentee ballots can be obtained.

Emphasize the vital importance of registration to the worker assigned this task. Be sure he understands it's his job to see that the non-registered voters he is given responsibility for registering get registered. Odds are that if he doesn't make a personal follow up the voter will stay at home for another election.

After the first call on the non-registered voter, the voter should be given a minimum of two and a maximum of seven days to register. If upon a spot check of the offical registration files the voter is found to be still unregistered, offer to baby sit with the children, take him or her to the place of registration, do anything -- but get the voter registered. It might also be a good idea to mark this person's card in the get-out-the-vote file for special attention on election day.

There are some groups that should be given high priority during the registration drive, some of whom may not be included on survey lists:

A. People who think they're registered, but are not.

B. New voters.

C. New citizens.

D. New residents.

E. Brides, who usually cannot vote unless they've changed their names on the official registration roster.

F. Servicemen.

G. Shut-ins and invalids.

H. Nursing home residents.

Two topics directly related to registration should also be mentioned here -- over-registration and vote fraud. One southern county, for example, has 165 white registered voters for every 100 white adults living in the county. (Polk County, North Carolina, according to a study on Over-Registration by the Southern Division, Republican National Committee, published in July, 1962.) Both conditions are a usual result of one-party rule by either party with no effective watchdog opposition. (See pages 29 to 33 for more details on vote fraud, and how to prevent it.)

STEP FOUR: GET-OUT-THE-VOTE

Obviously, what may have been done previous to election day -- including registration -- is worthless if the voters supporting your party or candidates don't go to the polls. Organization For Victory leaders and volunteers must conduct a get-out-the-vote campaign among their own supporters on election day to assure victory.

From the time registration is closed until after the election, get to work on your get-out-the-vote drive. Recheck to make sure the lists of voters which you've compiled are complete. Call in any which may still be out in the field. (Survey copies of voter lists should be sent to the Area Captains. Registration, Get-Out-the-Vote, Precinct, and Block Captains should record the necessary information on a double set of file cards. One set should be filed alphabetically, the other by street order within each precinct.)

Some states allow absentee ballots to be taken to nursing homes, hospitals, etc., on election day. If you haven't made an effort to get to these people before election day, don't forget them if the law permits election day absentee voting. There may be as many as two or three hundred votes sitting in one building.

1. GENERAL GET-OUT-THE-VOTE OPERATING RULES

A. Call every voter on your lists on election day.

B. Start get-out-the-vote operations as early as possible in the campaign. You should have volunteers set with hours, directions, lists, and sample messages a week to ten days before election day.

C. Try to have either permanent or at least temporary relief for volunteers after two or three hours of work.

D. Be sure that personnel thoroughly understand their job and its place in the overall operation. Keep all personnel well briefed on the campaign as it draws up to election day.

E. Provide for each shift a supervisor who can answer the most often asked political and legal questions.

F. Give each shift a quota of calls to make and instruct them on record keeping so all who have not voted when first called can be recalled and assistance offered if necessary to get the voters to the polls.

G. Casual visitors to the telephone headquarters should be discouraged, and only those having direct business with the callers should be admitted to that section of the headquarters.

H. Have light refreshments, a lunch, and dinner available if possible for the volunteers.

2. TELEPHONE HEADQUARTERS CHECKLIST

A. Ask the telephone company to assign numbers not in sequence to the telephones to be used by the callers. Also ask the phone company not to put the assigned numbers on the dial of the telephones used, and to keep those numbers unlisted. The numbers of the phones used in the get-out-the-vote operation should be given only to the shift supervisors. These measures are intended to prevent the phones from being tied up by persons outside the operation, and to guard against volunteers making unauthorized long-distance calls from those phones.

B. Contact the telephone company early enough to insure installation of your phones well enough in advance of election day.

C. Have extra phones installed for incoming calls and for regular use. The numbers for these phones should be listed and furnished to all volunteers for family and business contact purposes.

D. If possible, sheets of sound-absorbing material should be installed at the front and sides of each phone. Such a measure will make a significant contribution to the efficiency of your phoning operation.

E. Make sure that the supervisor of each phoning shift knows whom to contact at the phone company if trouble should develop with the mechanical operation of the phones.

F. The suggested message to be delivered by the volunteers should be fastened near each phone.

G. An ash tray, a pen or two pencils, a scratch pad, and a list of polling places should be placed near each phone.

H. In addition to the above, a city election district map, tables and typewriters for those keeping record of supporters who have voted, a party or committee organization chart, and a work schedule should be available in the phoning headquarters. Other office supply items needed include a register book for volunteers, paper clips, rubber bands, pens, pencils, canvass cards, phone and city directories, tables, chairs, coffeepots, soft drink machines, staplers, staples, and paper.

3. RULES ON MESSAGE PREPARATION

A. Keep the message brief. The total length of the message should never exceed 30 to 45 seconds. A short message holds the prospect's attention and doesn't waste calling time. All questions by prospects should be answered. If those at the headquarters cannot answer the question, contact someone who can answer it and call the person back.

B. Keep the message simple. Confine it to subject and/or candidate(s).

C. Keep the message positive. Do NOT argue with a prospect about the merits of a candidate or party. If you do, you'll probably lose his vote if you haven't lost it already, and you will waste your own time. Do make a note of any unfriendly remarks on the prospect's file card, and give it to your supervisor.

D. The volunteer should first verify the name of the person who is called before giving the message.

E. Volunteers should identify the party or candidate(s) with the person called, not themselves.

SUMMARY AND ADDITIONAL NOTES ON STEPS ONE THROUGH FOUR

Organization For Victory depends for its success on accurate record keeping more than on any other single factor. Without records at

all levels, most of the work will be for naught and must be repeated in toto for the next campaign.

Lists of volunteers, blockworkers, Precinct Captains, Area Captains, prospective workers, and contributors should be retained as well as those of the individual voters. (See pages 34 to 44 for suggested lists.) A card file might be best for the voters, using red cards for one party, blue for the other, and white for independents.

The candidates and their policy committees will be most directly involved in research and issues, but do not overlook the importance of volunteer -- and in turn -- voter education. The candidates, party platforms, party organizations, and public service educational organizations can provide your group with accurate, up-to-date information on the issues of the day. Get it. Use it. Disseminate it among your volunteers and supporters. Public discussion will materially aid your party and candidates.

Think and plan ahead. There are more campaigns coming up. Get your new blood from this effort into the established political organization. Co-ordinate the activity of like-interest groups in your area. A unified force must be reckoned with. Division results only in weakness, wasted effort, and usually defeat.

Inform yourself and your volunteers about your state and local election laws. This information, which varies from state to state, should be obtained before conducting any training sessions. It is usually available from your county elections clerk. In addition, the office of most state secretaries of state publish and distribute free of charge a manual of state election laws.

The following information should be obtained -- at a minimum:

A. Dates of primary, run-off primary, and general elections.

B. Who may vote by absentee ballot?

C. Minimum age, minimum residence, other qualifications for voting in your state.

D. Registration laws.

E. How to apply for absentee ballots.

F. Deadline for acceptance of absentee ballot.

G. Voting and election day procedure.

Poll Watching

It's always discouraging to lose an election, but it's downright disgusting to have it stolen. Most people find it hard to believe that some individuals would actually go so far as to break the law in an attempt to influence the outcome of an election. Unfortunately, the fact of the matter is that it happens -- and happens regularly.

It's also true that many violations of election laws occur innocently and without any devious intentions on the part of election officials. However, those officials may be in the bad habit of following a "shortcut" or their own inclination instead of the legal procedure provided by state and local law. In such cases, it is the duty of the poll watcher to diplomatically -- when possible -- and forcibly -- when necessary -- see that the law is enforced and followed.

If you have the manpower, have a poll watcher at each voting place on election day. Poll watchers can be on the lookout for vote fraud. They should also have a card file or list of supporters in that precinct or election district and check off each person listed as he votes. That list can be correlated with the get-out-the-vote committee at intervals throughout the day.

The election laws of every state contain provisions for safeguarding the actual carrying out of the electoral process. Poll Watchers should be familiar with those statutory provisions, and be fully prepared to enforce them when possible, or contact the proper authorities to do so when necessary.

1. INSTRUCTIONS TO POLL CHALLENGERS

A. Familiarize yourself with the election laws of your state and community. You should know your rights and limitations as a challenger, voter qualifications, challenge procedure, etc. You should have a copy of your state's election laws with you, or at minimum a digest of the important ones.

B. Arrive early at the polls. Introduce yourself to the election officials and make sure they understand who you are and what you propose to do -- help them. Check the polling place and surrounding area for irregularities, and call any you find to the attention of the officials. If you must be absent when the polls open, or for any significant period of time during the day, arrange with an alternate to fill in for you.

C. Consider each voter carefully from the standpoint of voter qualification. If you have any reason to suspect the person's qualification, try to confirm your suspicion by telephone with someone who can supply you with the information if time permits.

If you don't have sufficient time, challenge the person on the spot.

D. Periodically check the polling place and surrounding area for violations of the election laws. Call any irregularities to the attention of the election officials. Do NOT try to correct them yourself unless it seems apparent that it can be done without risking physical violence.

E. If the officials do not follow statutory procedure in any way during the balloting or counting of the votes, call the violation to their attention. If they do not act to discontinue the practice, call your party headquarters and ask for assistance. But whenever calling for higher authority, or making out an official report, be accurate, clear, and precise. Exaggeration and distortion will only serve to damage your own case.

F. Cooperate with your party get-out-the-vote committee in whatever way they request your assistance.

G. As soon after the election as you can conveniently do so, prepare a report of your election day activities, including significant observations on challenges you made, conduct of election officials in your precinct, etc.

H. Remember that an effective poll challenger program can be crucial -- can make the difference -- in a close election.

I. Whenever possible at least one poll watcher in each precinct should have a camera with flash attachment, and be ready and able to use it fast. Should a flagrant irregularity come to your attention, photographic evidence may be necessary to gain a conviction of the guilty person(s) involved in subsequent court action.

2. IRREGULARITIES TO BE WATCHFUL FOR

A. Distribution of literature or sample ballots at the polls or the parking of cars with political signs on them near the polling places where such practices are prohibited by law.

B. The placement of party-distributed sample ballots inside the polling booths.

C. Blackening the name of opposition candidates on the voting machines, thus making them difficult or impossible to read.

D. Marking of the official sample ballots on display at the polling place by election officials or others.

E. Election officials reminding people to vote for certain candidates or one party.

F. People who stay in the voting booth for more than the legally allotted amount of time without good reason.

G. All election officials from one political party.

H. Unlawful help given to voters by election officials. Most states require one official from each party to enter the booth when any voter requests assistance. A frequent violation here occurs in areas where foreign-born have a language problem, and election officials from only one political party speak the foreign language.

I. Any questionable voter. Any poll watcher can legally -- in most states -- challenge any person whom he knows or suspects not to be a qualified voter.

J. "Tombstone" voting. Deceased voters often are not removed from the voter registration lists for years after their death. The names of such persons are sometimes used by others who vote several times during election day.

K. Padded voter lists. Registration lists always contain the names of former voters who have moved away from the geographical area and consequently no longer vote in their former election district. This situation also provides opportunity for the election thief to vote more than once. Still another method of padding registration lists is to list non-existent voters at addresses where there are no residents at all, e.g., vacant lots, etc.

L. Vote buying. No state allows anyone to solicit votes by giving the voter money in return for his vote.

M. Laxity of law enforcement officials. If the properly constituted election and police officials do not uphold the election laws of your state, report them immediately to your party headquarters.

N. Periodically check the machines throughout the day to make sure that they do not register more total votes than there are people who have voted.

O. Collusion. Instances wherein the election officials of both parties at a given polling place have made a deal, both thereby being involved in one or more violations, sometimes occur.

P. Partisan imposters. Members of one political party often misrepresent themselves by claiming allegiance to the opposite party, thereby receiving appointment as an election official, and guarantying one-party control of the election machinery.

Q. Election officials, if not challenged, may disqualify an otherwise qualified voter from the opposition party through false reason, thereby disenfranchising the voter.

R. Jammed machines. All poll watchers should have the telephone numbers and names of machine repairmen in case voting machines break down during the day. If anything suspicious happens to a machine, notify your party headquarters immediately.

S. Chain balloting. A common violation, though it can only occur in paper ballot election districts. Voters are given a marked ballot outside the building or before entering the polling booth. When in the booth they remove the marked ballot from their pocket, and put the clean ballot into the pocket. The marked ballot is given to the election official when leaving the booth, the clean ballot to the person outside the building who is doing the marking. Thus the "chain" continues until broken.

T. Telling people they can't vote after the polls are closed. In most states anyone who is present at the polling place at the official closing time can vote no matter how long it may take for those present to cast their ballots.

U. Telling voters if they omit one or more names on a ballot their ballot will be invalid and not counted.

3. COUNTING OF BALLOTS

A. The votes should be counted immediately after the polls close. Election officials should not take an intermission, during which time someone may tamper with the ballots or machines.

B. Watch to see how the ballots are counted and tabulated. Watch for ballots which are declared invalid. Make sure -- through personal inspection -- that they are in fact invalid. (Know what

your state law defines as a valid and an invalid ballot.)

C. Be certain that the figures on the machine are those actually relayed to the tabulating officials.

D. Be on guard against any official completing the unmarked section of a ballot if a voter did not vote for any candidate for a particular office.

E. If there is a gross irregularity at your polling place, do not leave the ballots or machines until proper authorities arrive to take possession of them.

F. The old "graphite nail" should not be considered outdated. It's still used when the violator can get away with it. The technique is simple. A piece of lead is placed under a finger nail and used to sufficiently mark up a ballot so as to disqualify it. Another technique on the same order is tearing a ballot on purpose, thereby disqualifying it.

G. Keep a running tally sheet yourself as the figures are called off. Periodically check your own figures against the official ones to insure the correctness of the official returns.

Area Captain's Organization for Victory Progress Report

Date _____

Field Captain_____Address_____Phone_____

Area Captain_____Address_____Phone_____

Registration Captain_____Address_____Phone_____

Get-Out-the-Vote Captain_____Address_____Phone_____

Organization For Victory Progress:

1. Registration Captain recruited -- yes____no____
2. Get-Out-the-Vote Captain recruited -- yes____no____
3. Number of Precincts in Area_____ Number of Precinct Captains recruited_____
4. Number of Blocks in Area____ Number of Blockworkers recruited_____
5. Check the statement which best describes the present state of Organization For Victory progress in your Area: a. completed____; b. almost completed____; c. half completed____; d. just started____; e. not yet begun____.
6. Check the statement which best describes the present stage of fund raising progress in your Area: a. completed____; b. almost completed____; c. half completed____; d. just started____; e. not yet begun____.
7. Check the statement which best describes the present stage of registration progress in your Area: a. completed____; b. almost completed____; c. half completed____; d. just started____; e. not yet begun____.
8. Check the statement which best describes the present stage of get-out-the-vote preparation in your Area: a. completed____; b. almost completed____; c. half completed____; d. just started____; e. not yet begun____.

Record keeping progress:

1. Lists of Area, Registration, and Get-Out-the-Vote Captains sent to Field Captain -- yes____no____
2. Lists of all Precinct Captains, Blockworkers, Miscellaneous workers, Prospective workers, Contributors, and survey sheets collected by Area Captain -- yes____no____
3. Do all Blockworkers and Precinct Captains have their voters in alphabetical card file -- yes____no____ In street-by-street card file -- yes____no____
4. Does the Registration Captain have the names of all non-registered voters in the Area -- yes____no____
5. Has the Get-Out-the-Vote Captain assigned all voters in the Area to precinct, block, or other get-out-the-vote committee members -- yes____no____
6. Has all progress been recorded on master maps for the Area -- yes____no____

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AREA CAPTAINS

1. Name	2. Address	3. Phone	4. Area Covered

All Area Captains of a Field (congressional district) should be listed on this sheet. Separate -- but identical -- sheets should be used for Registration and Get-Out-the-Vote Captains.

Note: This and subsequent suggested carbon lists should be printed on letterette-type stock, i.e., an original with one or more carbon sheets attached in one form. The number of copies needed will depend on your local situation. However, it is recommended that you do not use more than four carbon pages with an original. Any pages above four will usually be illegible.

Organization for Victory

PRECINCT CAPTAINS

1. Ward Number_____ 2. Village or City_____ 3. Commissioner, Supervisor, or Freeholder County Government District Name or Number_____

4. State Legislative (House, Assembly, Senate) District Number_____

5. Congressional District Number_____

1. Number or Name of Precinct Covered	2. Name of Precinct Captain	3. Address	4. Phone

All Precinct Captains of an Area should be listed on this sheet.

Organization for Victory

BLOCKWORKERS

1. Ward Number_____ 2. Precinct Name or Number_____ 3. Village or City _____ 4. State Legislative (House, Assembly, Senate) District Number_____ 5. Commissioner, Supervisor, or Freeholder County Government District Name or Number_____

6. Congressional District Number_____

1. Block(s) Covered	2. Name of Blockworker	3. Address	4. Phone

All Blockworkers in a Precinct should be listed on this sheet.

Organization for Victory

MISCELLANEOUS WORKERS

1. Ward Number_____ 2. Precinct Name or Number _____ 3. Village or City _____ 4. State Legislative (House, Assembly, Senate) District Number_____ 5. Commissioner, Supervisor, or Freeholder County Government District Name or Number _____

6. Congressional District Number _____

1. Name of Worker	2. Address	3. Phone	4. Type of Work

This sheet should list all Precinct workers execept officers and Blockworkers. A similar sheet can be used for Prospective Workers, except that column four should be headed "Type of Work Willing to Do."

Organization for Victory

CONTRIBUTORS IN YOUR PRECINCT

1. Ward Number_____ 2. Precinct Number_____ 3. Village or City_____

4. Commissioner, Supervisor, or Freeholder County Government District Name or Number_____ 5. State Legislative (House, Assembly, Senate) District Number_____ 6. Congressional District Number_____

1. Name	2. Address	3. Phone	4. Have Contributed to whom?	5. Will contribute to whom?

Organization for Victory -- Blockworkers Kit

1. Why Organization for Victory...

In every national election, anywhere from one-third to one-half of the eligible voters in America do not vote. In state and local elections the non-voting group commonly reaches fifty to seventy-five per cent. An average of only twenty-two per cent is considered the regular voting public at all elections from local through national.

While it is true that in many cases non-voting is due to a recent change in residency, sudden illness, etc., by far the majority of these "silent Americans" stay home on election day because they're not registered to vote or aren't prodded to the polls.

Americans go through a political campaign and get carried away with the extravaganza of the conventions, and the remarks of the candidates, but when the frills are cut away, the job of winning elections comes down to four things:

A. Finding your supporters.

B. Raising money for the party and candidates of your choice.

C. Registering your supporters.

D. Getting your supporters to the polls on election day.

2. How Can This Job be Accomplished? With Organization For Victory, and YOU are the most important link in the chain.

3. The "My Vote Doesn't Count" Story...

If a voter tells you his vote doesn't count, cite the following examples to him:

A. John Chafee was elected governor of Rhode Island in 1962 by 398 votes after a recount. 200 votes could have changed that election.

B. Endicott Peabody won his bid for the governorship of Massachusetts in 1962 by less than one-tenth of one per cent of the popular vote -- 5,431 votes. 2,716 votes could have changed that outcome.

C. Karl Rolvaag won his bid for election as governor of Minnesota in 1962 by 91 votes after a recount. A mere 46 votes could have changed this election in which 1,240,000 ballots were cast.

D. 12 Congressional seats were won in 1962 by 2,100 votes or less, two of them by a mere 348 votes.

E. In the 1948 Presidential Election, Harry S Truman carried Ohio by only 7,107 votes out of nearly three million cast, and California by only 17,865 votes out of about four million cast. A difference of less than one vote per precinct in those two states would have given Thomas E. Dewey the 50 electoral votes involved, thus throwing the final decision into the House of Representatives.

F. In the 1960 Presidential Election, John F. Kennedy won by 112,253 votes out of sixty-nine million cast. Again less than one vote per precinct throughout the nation could have changed an election. A total switch of just 11,874 votes in the five states of Hawaii, Illinois, Missouri, New Mexico, and Nevada would have given Nixon the Presidency.

4. "It's Nobody's Business How I Vote..."

If a voter resents your call, apologize for bothering him. Try to explain that you're not trying to pry into his personal affairs, but only attempting to be of assistance to him if possible. Leave graciously, politely, and as quickly as possible.

5. Voting Facts...

(With each Blockworker's Kit should be ample information for answering the basic and most often-asked questions about elections in your state and locality. Such information would include the following: Who can vote? Registration and absentee ballot information. Primary and general election dates. Other pertinent and necessary information.)

6. Tips for Surveying...

A. Be neat, but not overdressed.

B. Be friendly and as informal as possible -- consistent with the area.

C. A typical opener: "Hello, good afternoon, etc.), I'm Mary Smith (John Jones, etc.) I'm helping blank organization to take a political survey of this neighborhood (city, etc.) I'd be grateful if you would answer a few questions for me. If you have any questions on voting procedure for the upcoming election, I'll try to answer them for you."

D. If the answer is favorable, record all information thoroughly and accurately. Don't overstay your time and wear out your welcome.

E. If the answer is negative or belligerent, leave graciously, politely, and as quickly as possible.

F. If the answer is non-committal, carry the conversation as far as you can without making an enemy and record your observations of the situation.

G. Don't waste your valuable time in idle conversation with supporters or in argument with opponents.

H. Some families may be away from home when you are surveying the block. Recording all house numbers in order as you reach the houses will ensure against forgetting which homes you must call on again.

I. Never assume that you can fill out the survey sheet for your close neighbors because you think you know them so well. Survey them. You'll be surprised at many of the answers that you'll get.

J. When listing a married woman, list as follows: Mrs., husband's first name, wife's first name in parentheses, husband's middle initial, husband's last name. This procedure will save you innumerable headaches in record keeping.

K. You should always leave an attractive leaflet, pamphlet, or other handout with the voters as they're surveyed. Because of the situation, they will be receptive to reading some good, factual material if left with them. Don't pass up this opportunity for voter education.

L. Workers should also have with them:

(1) A map of the area to be covered.

(2) Location of the voting place in the precinct worked.

(3) Registration requirements.

(4) Registration dates, places, and hours.

(5) Dates of primary and general elections.

(6) Rules for absentee balloting.

(7) List of candidates and their qualifications.

ORGANIZATION FOR VICTORY --

1. Ward Number____ 2. Precinct Number____ 3. Village or City_____

4. Commissioner, Supervisor, or Freeholder County Government District Name or Number ___

_____ 5. State Legislative (House, Assembly, Senate)

District Number_____ 5. Congressional District Number_____

1. Address (Be sure to call back on those persons not at home on your first visit.)	2. Names of all eligible voters in household.	3. Phone	4. Age

SURVEY SHEET

Blockworker -- Miss / Mrs. / Mr. _____

Address _____ Phone _____
(street and house number)

City _____ State _____

-N-

-W- Area covered on this survey sheet. List streets, avenues, and rural roads on four sides. -E-

-S-

5. Registered to Vote (Check one)		6. Political Preference (Check one)			7. Remarks--if significant, give place of employment of working voter, or school of student voter. Are any residents willing to do volunteer work? To contribute financially to a party and/or candidate(s)? Does anyone in the household need election help, e.g., absentee ballot, registration, babysitting, transportation, etc.?
Yes	No	GOP	Dem	Ind	

September 22, 1964

WB
JM

To: Mr. Wiley Branton

From: John M. Brooks

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Carbon to

September 22, 1964

MEMORANDUM

SEP 24 1964

To: Dr. John A. Morsell
Mr. John M. Brooks
Mr. Kelly M. Alexander

From: John W. Edwards

Re: Voter Registration Progress Report on North Carolina

I have been working the five counties that were assigned to me, namely: Lee, Harnett, Wayne, Granville and Alamance. Plans are well under way in all of the counties.

Wayne County

One county-wide meeting has been held and the city has divided into three predominant Negro wards with a captain and co-captain. Each of these precincts has separate meetings each week.

Harnett County

A county-wide all day workshop was held in Spouts Springs and door-to-door canvassing is being carried on in Dunn.

Lee County

Plans are being made to hold nightly meetings in each section of the county along with door-to-door canvassing by the NAACP Youth Council.

Granville County

One county-wide meeting has been held. Letters are being sent to ministers and churches. Other plans are now in progress.

Note: The books for registration will be open on October 10 and close on October 27.

Special Report

I am also working in Durham because the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs received a grant from VEP. The last grant was made to the Durham Committee and the Durham Branch of the NAACP and the committee has made another request which will

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To: Dr. John A. Morsell
Mr. John M. Brooks
Mr. Kelly M. Alexander

From: John M. Edwards

Re: Voter Registration Progress Report on North Carolina

probably be granted. Since our NAACP Youth Council will be working along with members of our branch, I am making sure that NAACP is identified with all publicity.

Young Democratic Party

The White Citizens Council of North Carolina has its strongest chapter in Durham which claims approximately 1,000 members and caused Durham County to be carried by a staunch segregationist in the last Democratic Primary. This group also organized the "Wallace for President" party in North Carolina and is also supporting Goldwater. This group has attempted to take over the Young Democratic Party in Durham, but by getting a number of Negroes to join and combining forces with the liberals, we were able to elect a moderate as chairman of the Young Democratic Council in Durham and possibly preventing Durham County from supporting Goldwater in the general election.

September 28, 1964

The Reverend Charles Ward
301 S. Bloodworth
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Reverend Ward:

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of research reporting forms. We request that you submit a report each week, starting from the beginning of your project(October 2nd). We believe the items on the forms are self-explanatory, but feel free to question or make comment.

At the conclusion of your project, we will expect a comprehensive narrative report. I am enclosing a guideline form along with the research reporting forms.

Any pertinent newspaper or magazine articles will be welcomed. Please don't forget to write the name of the paper and the date on each clipping.

If at any time you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

10/12/64 WB-JMV

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: CHOWAN-EDENTON NAACP

Period covered by this report: From 10-18 To 24 to 10-24

Person reporting N.L BRINKLEY - N.L. BRINKLEY

206 NORTH MORSLEY STREET EDENTON CHOWAN N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10-6-64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: 1st CHOWAN COUNTY

Ward, Beat, etc. 1st Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1000 IN CITY 900 COUNTY

Number instructed at home 61

Number instructed at clinics 124

Number instructed other places 24 a. Specify places

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH - WARREN GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Number applying for registration as a result of this program [redacted] 231

Number successfully registered by this project [redacted] 193

Number denied registration in this project [redacted] 37

a. Reason for denial unable to Read well enough 33 NON RESIDENCE 4 6 NEED GLASSES OR AND UNABLE TO READ.

Number contacted by other means APP. [redacted] 600 OR MORE

a. Specify means CHURCHES AND LOUD SPEAKER

Number refusing to participate 80 TO 100

a. Reason for refusing to participate AFRAID OF LOOSING JOBS OR JUST DIDN'T UNDERSTAND - THE REASON - SOME TEN OR SO SAID NEXT TIME

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 193

THIS PROGRAM ADDED MORE NEW VOTERS FOR THREE SAT. 10-17-24

Number of workers in the campaign 30

Remarks THIS PROGRAM WAS AIDED GREATLY BY THE MANY CHURCHES THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY, AND THE YOUNG GIRLS CLUB OF EDENTON - PAID WORKERS TOTALED 24. AND CAR AND TAXI WAS THE MOST EXPENSIVE - THE CHARGED 7 CENTS A MILE, AND A FLAT $3.00 AS RENTAL FEES - CARS ALSO CHARGED 7 CENTS A MILE, IN SOME CASE, A DRIVER HAD TO BE PAID -

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2nd. week

RESUME OF VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORTS FOR THE
WAYNE COUNTY BRANCH OF THE N. A. A. C. P.

Period Ending 10/8/'64

This week's activities were mainly a continuation of projects and plans ~~initiated~~ initiated during the first reporting period. Many of the presidents and influential officers of fraternal and social clubs whom we contacted last week have rewarded us by giving written and/or verbal commitments to the effect that their respective organizations would assist us in our registration drives. These organizations have been given their assignments for the 10/10/'64 registration drive.

The NAACP youth group, of course, has voted to lend to the registration drives its assistance./ The group has done a noteworthy job of recruiting the help of other youngsters who are not members of the NAACP youth group.

The local Farm Extension Agent's office has been of much help in pointing our people in the rural areas who are proven "good workers." These workers have brought apparent enthusiasm to our meetings. Further, the Agent's Community Development Clubs, which encompasses the entire county, have been helpful in furnishing us a forum for our registration appeals.

The local public schools have been cooperative in having the students to carry leaflets home to parents.

Reporter:- S. C. Cofield
Mrs. S. Cofield

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1st. week

RESUMÉ OF VOTER REGISTRATION EFFORTS FOR THE WAYNE COUNTY BRANCH OF THE N. A. A. C. P.

Five (5) voting schools were held during the aforementioned week. This was the first time that the NAACP leadership as been able to obtain voting machines to accomplish such voting schools. The schools were held in Churches, schools and other places where people congregate. About 600 people were exposed to the machines.

Many meetings were held relative to organizing the city and county in various precincts and townships for the purposes of seeking block, street, and county workers. Meetings were held and contacts were made with various presidents and influential officers of fraternal and social clubs for the same purpose as stated above plus encouraging them to use their community influence to see that eligible Negroes register to vote.

Cards containing registered persons on all streets were made. The cards will be handed to street workers on a loan basis. With this information, the street worker will know whom he should not contact to register.

As far as possible all PTA meetings in the county and city were visited to encourage registration as well as soliciting workers.

We have registered 128 persons. However, this figure partially includes registration efforts two weeks prior to 9/28/1964. Since our receiving VEP support, we believe that this will provide many of the things that are prerequisites to a successful voter registration drive in our county.

Reporter: S. Cofield
Mrs. S. Cofield

Period beginning 9/28/64-ending 10/2/64

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311 Pinkney St
Shelby N.C.
10-9-64

WB
JM

Dear Rev. Ward;

We wish to thank you and the VEP. Fund, for the wonderful assistance they are giving us. in getting our County organized better.

Mr John Edwards was by here recently and explained to us in detail about the V.E.P Program. We had already been working on this Project of getting more People Registered. Now we can do a better job. With your help.

I have just about Covered the entire County getting it set up. I have worked in just about every section.

attached to this letter are three Vouchers I hope they are made out Correctly and will be honored by you immediately so that I may Continued the work.

Sincerely
Cleveland County Chapter N.A.A.C.P
Shelby N.C.
Ray Cabarrus
Coordinator
311 Pinkney St
Shelby N.C.

I Just wanted you to see these

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CLEVELAND COUNTY N A A C P CHAPTER
Shelby, North Carolina

Co-ordinator: Mr. Ray Cabiness

Sections of Cleveland County:

Light Oak (Lincolnton Park)	Rev. J. H. White
Sheal Creek (Camp High School)	Mr. Levi Smith
	Mr. Cerry
Belwood, Falston, Lawndale, No. 9	Mr. Cotie Lawrence
	Mr. J. H. Hill
Lawndale Polkville:	Mr. Woodrow Walton
Washington	
Wace	

Sections	Chairman
Belwood	Mr. Cotie Lawrence
Lawndale	Mr. Woodrow Walton
Falston (and surroundings)	Mr. J. H. Hill
Light Oak	Rev. J. H. White
Camp and Sheal Creek area -	
Boiling Springs -----	Mr. U.S. Hamilton, Mr. Willie Blanton
Patterson Springs	Mr. Cerry and Mr. Levi Smith
Grover	Rev. Kilgore
Kings Mountain	Mr. William Orr
Wace-Washington	
Ebenezer Section	Rev. Lucas

In the city:

Robertsdale	
Frederick, Logan, Anthony, Weathers, and Hudson Streets	
From railroad back down to town	Rev. M. Williams
Mulberry and Jamestown	Mrs. Levica Ross
West Shelby	Mrs. Frances Perry
	Mrs. Maggie Banner
	Mrs. Naomi Withworth
Flatrock	Mrs. Pearl Wesson
	Rayfield Cabiness
	Mrs. J. C. Clarke
Harmon Street	Mrs. Hester McKissick
Holly Oak Park	Mrs. Martha Lenden

Cleveland County Chapter N.A.A.C.P.
Shelby, North Carolina

Dear Fellow Citizens,

A wonderful opportunity is being extended for all the citizens of Cleveland County to come together im one of the most meaningful Civic meetings of all times. On Sunday evening, October 25, 1964 at 8:00 P.M. the Cleveland County Chapter of the N.A.A.C.P. is sponsoring a Mass Meeting at the Holly Oak Park Center, Shelby, N. C. We are very fortunate to have as the Key-Note speaker, Mr. Kelly Alexander, State President of the N.A.A.C.P., Charlotte, N.C.

This letter comes as a very special appeal for every citizen of this county to prove that he is deeply concerned about his role and position in our society. One of the most important presidential elections in the history of this country is before us. Electing the best governor for this state must be done. More insight into Civil liberties and our responsibility to them is upon us.

You cannot afford to let this opportunity to attend such a meeting pass. Your presence will signify your interest, not only in your personal well-being, but in the continous progress of our community and society. Let us have an overflowing and enthusiastic crowd for this great Mass Meeting.

Sincerely,

Rev. R. E. Devoe

Rev. R. E. Devoe, President

11/12/64 WB JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Registeration Drive N.A.A.C.P Granville County

Period covered by this report: From 10-18-64 to 10-16-64

Person reporting E F Littlejohn - Chairman

320 Linden Ave Oxford Granville NC

Street Address City County State

Date submitted:

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Seven (7) Precincts

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 900

Number instructed at home 300

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 100 a. Specify places

Community Center + The First Baptist Church

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 200

Number successfully registered by this project this week 150

Number denied registration in this project this week 50

a. Reason for denial Could Not pass test

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 35

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 150

Number of workers in the campaign 10

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project Operator Check- Vote

Period covered by this report: From 10/4 to 10/10

Person reporting Rev. John E. [illegible]

407 Roanoke Ave. Elizabeth City Pasq. N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Oct. 10, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Frist Congressional District

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 696

Number instructed at home 12

Number instructed at clinics 25

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 212

Number successfully registered by this project this week 196

Number denied registration in this project this week 4

a. Reason for denial Unable to read and write to satisfy Registers

Number contacted by other means _____

a. Specify means Letter and etc.

Number refusing to participate 24

a. Reason for refusing to participate Religion (Jehovah Witness) not interested

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 196

Number of workers in the campaign 16

Remarks

Campaigh gaining memertor and it appear that it will eclispe quota of 500

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Oct 22 1964

JB/
JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Currituck County Vating Education project

Period covered by this report: From Snowden NC to Mayock NC

Person reporting Jennie L Ferebee

Rout 1 Box 496 Mayock NC

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Oct 11 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Mayock township

Mayock township

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 50. Contact

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places Church a. Specify places Mayock A ME Zion Church

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 25

Number successfully registered by this project this week 25

Number denied registration in this project this week Nun

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 10

a. Reason for refusing to participate promised to go net Saturday Son Con not Read so well

Number of persons successfully registered since the start ~~[illegible]~~ 142 total

Jennie L Ferebee Dal perry

Number of workers in the campaign 3 Melvin Ferebee

Remarks Carriged them to the pole and getting them to them to the pole

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Alamance Co. N.A.A.C.P.

Period covered by this report: From 10/3/'64 to 10/10/'64

Person reporting Mrs. Flossie White

1003 Madison Ave., Burlington Alamance N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: October 12, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Cong. Dist. 6

All Precints
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 400

Number instructed at home 50

Number instructed at clinics 150

Number instructed other places 200 a. Specify places Homes

Churches, Clubs, Schools

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 44

Number successfully registered by this project this week 44

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial None

Number contacted by other means Many

a. Specify means Handbills, leaflits

Number refusing to participate 5

a. Reason for refusing to participate Complancency

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 44

Number of workers in the campaign 40

Remarks Registration in other precincts will be reported next week.

11/12/64 WB JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Registration Drive - N.A.A.C.P. Granville County

Period covered by this report: From 10-11-64 to 10-17-64

Person reporting Mr. Edward F. Littlejohn

Linden Ave. Oxford Granville NC

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10-12-64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

5 Precincts

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1100

Number instructed at home 475

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 200 a. Specify places

Community Center & The First Baptist Church

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 500

Number successfully registered by this project this week 385

Number denied registration in this project this week 75

a. Reason for denial Could not pass test

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 50

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 585

Number of workers in the campaign 20

Remarks With the Drive two weeks in Operation it is easier to interest other to work. We are planning an All out essort for the final week

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

3rd Week October 10, 1964

Name of Project: Raleigh - Wake County NAACP

Period covered by this report: From October 10, 1964 **to** October 14, 1964

Person reporting Ralph Campbell, President Raleigh Branch NAACP

804 E. Edenton Street	Raleigh	Wake	North Carolina
Street Address	**City**	**County**	**State**

Date submitted: October 14, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Raleigh - Wake County

Ward, Beat, etc. **Precinct, election district, etc.**

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 422

Number instructed at home 12

Number instructed at clinics 14

Number instructed other places 314 **a. Specify places**

PTA's Civic Clubs Churches

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 390

Number successfully registered by this project this week 766

Number denied registration in this project this week 5

a. Reason for denial Inability to write according to Wake County New Requirement

Number contacted by other means Several Thousands

a. Specify means Radio Spot Announcements, Mobil Loudspeaker, Church Announcements

Number refusing to participate Not Known

a. Reason for refusing to participate Unknown

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1529

Number of workers in the campaign 130

Remarks October 12, 1964 was the final day for registration for Wake County. After the polling places had closed at sunset, scores of Negroes from Wake County and City were transported to the homes of Negro registrars until midnight to be registered. Due to the big rush at the last moment hundreds of Negroes stood in line at the court house to be registered. This was created by our radio spot announcements, church announcements, and mobil loudspeaker. We feel that $1500 is now needed to carry on a Vote of Education Project from now until November 2, 1964 to teach and educate the Negro people of this community the importance of voting. The $1000 has been used properly in the past 2½ weeks, to register Negroes. More funds are needed for the Vote of Education for the next 3 weeks. (See attached Newspaper Clipping, Raleigh Times, October 13, 1964, Daily)

Ralph Campbell Ralph Campbell

TEXT OF VOTER REGISTRATION RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS

RALEIGH BRANCH NAACP RADIO STATION WLLE 10/8/10/9/10/10/-10/11-10/12/64
Voter Registration Project.

Ten Second Spots

1. My name is LEONARD STEVENS and I am going to vote again this year as I've voted all my life. I urge everyone everywhere to register and vote. (:10 sec.)

2. I am MRS. ELIZA DUCKWORTH. We can win what we are fighting for by voting for it. Let us urge all people to register and vote. (:10 sec.)

3. My name is JOHN CLARK and I feel that the only way we can get what we want is by the power of our vote, and I'm going to be sure I'm registered. (:10 sec.)

4. I am SHIRLEY RECTOR, a mother of nine children, and I know that one of the most basic ways to obtain measures for full class citizenship is to register and vote. (:10 sec.)

5. My name is LEROY WILSON. We have a lot of people today who will not be able to get jobs until their voice can be heard by the politicians of this country. I think that the people should register to vote. (:10 sec.)

6. My name is VICTOR BAYEHAM. Only last Sunday night I heard a senator speak on television, and he said that only 6% of the Negroes had registered to vote. We all should register to vote. (:10 sec.)

Thirty Second Spots

7. My name is JOHN CLARK and I'm a plumber and I feel that the only way we can get what we want is by the power of our vote. And I'm going to be sure I'm registered and come November me, my wife and all my friends, and I'm going to make sure all my friends get down there, and they're all going to vote for the right man. (:30 sec.)

8. My names is LEONARD STEVENS. I am a printer and I'm going to vote again this year as I've voted all my life. Government is really only the sum total of millions of voices asserting themselves. Just how you vote will determine how your government is going to be operated. I urge everyone, everywhere to register and vote. (:30 sec.)

9. Hello neighbors, I'm MRS. ELIZA DUCKWORTH. We can win what we are fighting for by voting for it. I'm particularly urging all the ministers to emphasize this in their congregations. Let us urge all people to use their freedom to register and vote. (:30 sec.)

10. My name is LEROY WILSON. I think that the people should get out and register to vote. We have a lot of people today who need good schools, they need good jobs. They will never be able to get these jobs until their voice can be heard. They must be heard by the politicians of this country. I think voting would give them this voice. (:30 sec.)

11. Hello neighbors. I am SHIRLEY RECTOR, a mother of nine children and a parent who for years has been struggling for equal opportunities for Negro children, and I know that one of the most basic ways to obtain these measures for full-class citizenship is to register and vote. I hope I will be seeing you at the polls! (:30 sec.)

12. My name is VICTOR BAYEHAM. I am a tree surgeon for the township here that I live in. And, only last Sunday night I heard a senator speak on television, and he said that only 6% of the Negroes has registered to vote. With the Negro voting it would mean that we would improve at least a 100% in the next 4 or 5 years, I feel from where we are now. We all should register to vote. (:30 sec.)

Sixty Second Spots-

13. My name is LEROY WILSON, recreation supervisor. And, I think that the people should get out and register to vote, due to the fact that the time has come in this country where its a whole lot of people that just have the "don't care" attitude, and they don't have any voice in the government, and they don't have anything to say about the laws or the way the country is run. We have a lot of people today in the streets who need good housing, they need good schools, they need good jobs. They will never be able to get these jobs until their voice can be heard. And it must be heard by the politicians of this country. I think voting would give them this voice. (:60 sec.)

14. My name is VICTOR BAYEHAM. I am a tree surgeon for the township here that I live in. I've lived here some of almost 12 years. I was a fighter, a light heavy-weight contender, and I'm registered to vote, and I feel that everyone else should be registered to vote. Only last Sunday night I heard a senator speak on television and he said that only 6% of the Negroes has registered to vote. I feel that that's too bad. In fact, in the last 4 years the Negro has came from so far behind, so far forward, it means so much to us these days and times. With the Negro voting it would mean that we would improve at least 100% in the next 4 or 5 years, I feel from where we are now. We all should come out and register to vote. (:60 sec.)

OCT 24 1964

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

2nd Week October 9, 1964

Name of Project: Raleigh - Wake County NAACP

Period covered by this report: From October 3, 1964 **to** October 9, 1964

Person reporting Ralph Campbell, President Raleigh Branch NAACP

804 E. Edenton Street	Raleigh	Wake	North Carolina
Street Address	**City**	**County**	**State**

Date submitted: October 14, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

Ward, Beat, etc. **Precinct, election district, etc.**

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 733

Number instructed at home 25

Number instructed at clinics 125

Number instructed other places 930 **a. Specify places**

4 PTA's 2 Churches 2 Civic Clubs

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 560

Number successfully registered by this project this week 423

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial None

Number contacted by other means Several Thousands

a. Specify means Radio Spot Announcements & Mobil Loudspeaker, Telephone, Newspaper, and Notices to Churches

Number refusing to participate Unknown

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 586

Number of workers in the campaign 75

Remarks Regular campaign gained momentum and the results were increased. Interests were raised to a higher level, do to more people working in the campaign.

Ralph Campbell

Ralph Campbell

OCT 24 1964 received WB JS JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

1st Week October 2, 1964

Name of Project: Raleigh - Wake County NAACP

Period covered by this report: From September 28, 1964 **to** October 2, 1964

Person reporting Ralph Campbell, President Raleigh Branch NAACP

804 E. Edenton Street — Raleigh — Wake — North Carolina

Street Address **City** **County** **State**

Date submitted: October 14, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Raleigh - Wake County

Ward, Beat, etc. **Precinct, election district, etc.**

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 423

Number instructed at home 130

Number instructed at clinics 85 5 Precints

Number instructed other places 0 **a. Specify places** 0

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 123

Number successfully registered by this project this week 163

Number denied registration in this project this week 0

a. Reason for denial None

Number contacted by other means Several Thousands

a. Specify means Mobil Loudspeaker 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. Telephones

Number refusing to participate Unknown

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 163

Number of workers in the campaign 28

Remarks The 1st Week needed perfecting organization of registration and contacting key people throughout the county.

Ralph Campbell

Ralph Campbell

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Wayne County Registration Drive

Period covered by this report: From 10/9/64 to 10/15/64

Person reporting S. Cofield

305 Leslie Street Goldsboro Wayne N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10/15/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass personal contact about 1500

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics 600

Number instructed other places 200 a. Specify places churches

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 210

Number successfully registered by this project this week 200

Number denied registration in this project this week 10

a. Reason for denial Inadequate education

Number contacted by other means None

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 25

a. Reason for refusing to participate Religious Reasons

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 328

Number of workers in the campaign 76

Remarks

Wayne County
Mrs. S. Caffield Coord.

no financial report
this week. due to fact not
other report reached my office
c.b.ward

Report

Oct. 16, 1964

All Precincts Contacted.

No. of Persons Registered Oct. 10, 1964

Forty-Four (44)

(Names Enclosed)

~~Sample Literary Test for Registrants.~~
~~(enclosed)~~

House to House Surveys Being Made
(Material used enclosed)

Ruth M. Warren, Pres
Flossie White - Coordinator

Persons Registered _ Oct 20, 1969

Names:

1. Jerry Gant _____ Elizabeth St. Burlington, N.C.
2. Lawrence Moore ___ Westmore Sand Dr. " "
3. Lillian Moore ___ " " " " "
4. James W. Graves ___ 606 Dailey St. " " "
5. Mrs. Minnie Gant ___ Route
6. Jerry Erwin Gant ___ "
7. Mrs. Rosa Pearl Allison ___ Durham St. " " "
8. Mrs. Ida Mae Trollinger ___ 620 Ross St. " " "
9. Eugene Wagstaff ___ Route 7,
10. John H. Upsher ___ Route 1, " " "
11. J.C. Vincent ___ " " " " "
12. Mrs. Bertha Vincent ___ " " " " "
13. Ephrian Walker, Jr. ___
14. Bobby Nelson Jones ___ Elizabeth St. " " "
15. Charlie B. Enoch ___ 406 New St. " " "
16. Mrs. Francis McAdoo ___ 634 Holly St. " " "
17. Bennie Johnson ___ 432 Dudley St. " " "
18. Mrs. Minnie Bell Enoch ___ 685 Lincoln St. " " "
19. Mrs. Augustine Gant ___ 615 Elizabeth St. " "
20. Mrs. Mary Bell Corbett ___ 912 Gray St. " "
21. Mrs. Myrtle Herbin ___ 604 Lee St. " " "
22. Floyd C. Enoch ___ " " " ___
23. Mrs. Hillie Herbin ___ 606 Lee St " " "
24. Freddie Hamlett ___ 400 New St. ~~[illegible]~~
25. Mrs. Violet Badgett ___ 410 Fulton St " " "
26. Samuel A. Baynes ___ 633 Holly St. " " "
27. Mary Pauline Enoch ___ 705 Ross St. " "

Persons Registered - Oct. 10, 1964

Names:	Address
28. Nellie Magaline Curry	1012 Louis St. Burlington, N.C
29. Minnie E. Gant	1001 Rauhut, Burlington, N.C
30. Flossie Richmond	913 Gray St. " "
31. Mrs. Mildred Neel	420 Enoch St. " "
32. Mrs. Earline Brincefield	Westmoreland Dr. " "
33. Daniel L. Reaves	Route 7, " "
34. Mrs. Mary V. Tapp	1220 Macon St. " "
35. Mrs. Mary Kinsey	Route 7, Burlington, N.C
36. Nelson Kinsey	" " " "
37. Mrs. Georgia Reaves	" " " "
38. Mrs. Evelyn Banks	407 Key St " "
39. Mrs. Betty Jean Haith	639 Holly St. " "
40. Mrs. Mildred D. Jeffries	611 Holly St. " "
41. Mrs. Learlie Lee	Wallace St " "
42. Mrs. Sadie Graves	P.O. Box 1361 " "
43. Mrs. Lucille Enoch	410 Fulton St. " "
44. Doris Rebecca King	528 Shepherd St. " "

Registrations in other precincts will be reported on next report.

Ruth M. Warren, Pres
Flossie White - Coordinator

OCT 24 1964

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Cleveland County Chapter N.A.A.C.P.

Period covered by this report: From Oct 9th -1964 to Oct 16th 1964

Person reporting Ray Cabaniss (Coordinator)

311 Pinkney St — Shelby — Cleveland — N.C.
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: Oct 16th - 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Cleveland County

Entire County
Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass appx. 125

Number instructed at home appx. 10

Number instructed at clinics appx. 20

Number instructed other places 1000 or more a. Specify places Churches + Clubs, Minister stressed it from their Pulpit

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week unknown

Number successfully registered by this project this week unknown

Number denied registration in this project this week None (Heard of)

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Quite a few

a. Specify means on the job, By telephone, Club Meeting

Number refusing to participate Very few

a. Reason for refusing to participate (Scared) one lady last time Not interest

Number of persons successfully registered since the start appx. 150.

Number of workers in the campaign appx. 90 or 100

Remarks I have been successful in getting many people through out the County to say they would work, our work is picking up speed. Have big force going into field tomorrow Saturday (Oct 17th)

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Cleveland County Chapter N-A-A-C-P

Period covered by this report: From Oct 3rd to Oct 9th - 1964

Person reporting Ray Cabaniss (Coordinator)

311 Pinkney St Shelby Cleveland N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10-16th - 1964 (didn't have from until today)

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Cleveland County N.C. Shelby

Entire County
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass approx. 80

Number instructed at home approx 16

Number instructed at clinics approx 35

Number instructed other places 500 or More a. Specify places Churches

Had Ministers through out County to express and Help in the work

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week approx 33

Number successfully registered by this project this week approx unknown

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means quite a few

a. Specify means on the job, by telephone, Club Meetings

Number refusing to participate Very few

a. Reason for refusing to participate didn't have time, not interest

Number of persons successfully registered since the start approx 35

Number of workers in the campaign approx 65 or 70

Remarks We have worked through out the County, in Kings Mtn, Lawndale Fallston, Boiling Spring, Waco Grover, Fallston, Polkville, and Shelby. Quite a few Students are helping on Saturday & Sunday, all Preachers are stressing from their Pulpits,

If you want duplicate
copies of these forms

Please send me more
of these forms.

thanks
Ray Cotsworth

OCT 24 1964

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: ~~Operation Chek-Vote~~

Period covered by this report: From 10/11 to 10/17

Person reporting Rev. John E. Jackson

407 Roanoke Ave. Elis. Pasq. N.C.

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10/17

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Frist Congressional Distict

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 812

Number instructed at home 4

Number instructed at clinics 32

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week _____

Number successfully registered by this project this week 185

Number denied registration in this project this week 8

a. Reason for denial Reading and write and not living in the community long enough

Number contacted by other means Phone, etc.

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate 54

a. Reason for refusing to participate Religion (Jehovah Witness) Holiness and not intelligent

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 381

Number of workers in the campaign _____

Remarks An all out program with enlistment up addition students from college and other soutces will surely exceed quota

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JM ✓

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: CURRITUCK COUNTY VOTING EDUCATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From _____ to _____

Person reporting MRS. JENNIE L. FEREBEE

ROUTE L BOX 496	MOYOCK	CURRITUCK	NORTH CAROLINA
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: October 17, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Moyock township

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 50

Number instructed at home _____

Number instructed at clinics _____

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places Moyock A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 25

Number successfully registered by this project this week 25

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial _____

Number contacted by other means _____

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate 10

a. Reason for refusing to participate Promised to go next Saturday. Some cannot read so well.

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 30

Number of workers in the campaign 3

Remarks _____

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Education Project

Period covered by this report: From 10/12/64 to 10/17/64

Person reporting D.T.Spruill

Broad Street	Columbia,	Tyrrell,	N.C.
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: 10/18/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Tyrrell County

Columbia, Scuppernong, Alligator, Gum Neck

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 51

Number instructed at home 51

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 23

Number successfully registered by this project this week 20

Number denied registration in this project this week 3

a. Reason for denial Failed to qualify

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 23

Number of workers in the campaign 11

Remarks I am well pleased with Mr. Walter Fenner, one of the workers in the Scuppernong District.He carried 10 persons who successfully registered this week. I think this will encourage others to get busy.

WB-
JM²

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Period covered by this report: From October 12, 1964 to October 17, 1964

Person reporting D. T. SPRUILL

Broad Street — Columbia — Tyrell — N. C.
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: October 18, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Tyrrell County

Columbia, Scuppernong, Alligator, and Gum Neck
Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 51

Number instructed at home 51

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 23

Number successfully registered by this project this week 20

Number denied registration in this project this week 3

a. Reason for denial Failed to qualify

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 23

Number of workers in the campaign 11

Remarks I am well pleased with Mr. Walter Fenner, worker in the Scuppernong District. He carried ten (10) persons to register successfully this week. I think this will encouage other workers to get busy.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Lee County NAACP Voter Registration

Period covered by this report: From 10/5/64 to 10/17/1964

Person reporting Rev.J.R.Hampton

601 Walls Street	Sanford	Lee	N.C.
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: 10/19/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Eighth Congressional District , Lee Co.

County Wide

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 250

Number instructed at home 25

Number instructed at clinics 50

Number instructed other places 50 a. Specify places Mass meeting on voter registration

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 200

Number successfully registered by this project this week ~~150~~* 175

Number denied registration in this project this week 25

a. Reason for denial Could not read nor write

Number contacted by other means 25 By means of church bulletins

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 25

a. Reason for refusing to participate Apathy and the inability to read

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 200

Number of workers in the campaign 18

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: NAACP V E P DRIVE FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Period covered by this report: From October 10,1964 to October 17,1964

Person reporting Robert L. Harrell

43 Walton Street, Asheville, Buncombe North Carolina
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: October 19, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Precincts nos. 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 785

Number instructed at home 325

Number instructed at clinics 127

Number instructed other places 800 a. Specify places Community club 63 Magnolia Street, Three P.T.A's And Four Church Conferences

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 128

Number successfully registered by this project this week 125

Number denied registration in this project this week 3

a. Reason for denial One couldn't write, One got too nervous to write and one was too drunk to conduct himself properly and had to leave.

Number contacted by other means 60

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 250

a. Reason for refusing to participate Working on registration day

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 138

Number of workers in the campaign 12 regulars

Remarks The numbers above as to the number registered does not reflect a true picture of the number actuallyregistered for many went on their own after being informed that we knew they were not registered. Our number only include the numbers we took in our cars.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: NAACP Voter Education Project - Gates County

Period covered by this report: From October 4 to October 17, 1964

Person reporting Mrs. E. T. Mitchell

Street Address	Gatesville, City	Gates, County	N.C. State

Date submitted: October 19, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Gates County

Townships - 6

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 289 homes

Number instructed at home Not sure

Number instructed at clinics No clinic held yet

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 104

Number successfully registered by this project this week 102

Number denied registration in this project this week 2

a. Reason for denial Did not write to please registrar

Number contacted by other means 670

a. Specify means Public meetings; telephone; daily contact

Number refusing to participate 25

a. Reason for refusing to participate Indifference; illiteracy; extreme age

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 102

Number of workers in the campaign 23

Remarks This is only a partial report for this period. We have every reason to believe that many more have registered. We hope to secure positive figures after this drive ends. Interest is high. A registration clinic will be held this week and a voter's school is planned for next week.

N. Carolina

OCT 24 1964

This is what is required to be read in order to register

Article VII

Registration of Voters

I do solemnly swear(or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith; that I have been a resident of the State of North Carolina for one year and of Hertford township(precinct or ward) for thirty days;or that I was a resident of----------township(ward or precinct) on the ------day of---------(being thirty days preceding the election) and removed therefrom to----------township(ward or precinct), where I have since resided; that I am twenty-one years of age; that I have not registered for this election in any other ward or precinct or township, So help me God.

GS 163-29PP

11/12/64 WB JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Currituck Co. Voter Education Project NAACP

Period covered by this report: From Oct 17 to Oct 24

Person reporting Jennie L. Forbes

Route 1, Box 496 Mayock N.C.

Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Oct 24, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Mayock Township

Mayock Township

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places Church a. Specify places Mayock AME Zion

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 127

Number successfully registered by this project this week 89

Number denied registration in this project this week 36

a. Reason for denial Couldn't pass the test

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 142

Number of workers in the campaign

Remarks

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JMK

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Cleveland County Chapter NAACP Shelby N.C.

Period covered by this report: From 10-16-64 to 10-24-64

Person reporting Ray Cabaniss (Coordinator)

311 Lankersy St Shelby Cleveland N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Oct 24th 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Cleveland County

Entire County
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass approx 700

Number instructed at home approx 700

Number instructed at clinics approx 50

Number instructed other places Hundreds a. Specify places Churches, Schools, Mass Meetings, Clubs, and on the job.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week approx -- 400 or More

Number successfully registered by this project this week 400 or More

Number denied registration in this project this week Very few

a. Reason for denial Couldn't Read or Write satisfactory

Number contacted by other means thousands

a. Specify means Churches, Schools, Mass Meetings, Clubs, Street Loud Speaker

Number refusing to participate Quite a few.

a. Reason for refusing to participate Didn't have time,

Number of persons successfully registered since the start approx 1000 or More

Number of workers in the campaign approx 90 or More

Remarks We are Very well Pleased with the results, We have Many More Registered Now. Wish to thank the V-E-P for all their Wonderful Support.

Sincerely Ray Cabaniss (Coordinator)

11/12/64 WB-JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Hertford Co. NAACP

Period covered by this report: From 10-10-64 to 10-24-64

Person reporting Rev. John L. Scott

419 Hayes Ashoskie Hertford N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10-24-64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Hertford Co.

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 435

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places Church a. Specify places

Churches in the County.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project this week

Number denied registration in this project this week 2

a. Reason for denial Couldn't read

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start [redacted] 275

Number of workers in the campaign

Remarks

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: NAACP. Onslow C. N.C.

Period covered by this report: From 10-10-64 to 10-24-64

Person reporting Eunice S. Lamar

1815 Hargett St. Jacksonville Onslow N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted:

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: ~~Onslow~~, New River, E. Jacksonville, W. Jacksonville, Richlands, Sam Branch, Haw Branch, White Oak, Silver Dale, Swansboro
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 200

Number instructed at home 200

Number instructed at clinics 210

Number instructed other places 112 a. Specify places on Job, on Street, Shopping Centers

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 1055

Number successfully registered by this project this week 1030

Number denied registration in this project this week 25

a. Reason for denial Couldn't read & Write

Number contacted by other means 125

a. Specify means By Telephone

Number refusing to participate 25

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not interested

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1030

Number of workers in the campaign 33 workers in Campaign

Remarks

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11/12/64 WB JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Education Project

Period covered by this report: From 10/18/64 to 10/24/64

Person reporting D.T.Spruill

P.O. Box 7 Columbia, Tyrrell, N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10/25/64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Columbia, Scuppernong, Alligator, Gum Neck

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 200

Number instructed at home 75

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 60 a. Specify places In cars

Churches Streets

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 76

Number successfully registered by this project this week 71

Number denied registration in this project this week 5

a. Reason for denial Failed to satisfy the Registrar in reading or writing the Constitution.

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 2

a. Reason for refusing to participate None

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 94

Number of workers in the campaign 11

Remarks

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11/12/64 WS JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: OPERATION CHECK-VOTE

Period covered by this report: From OCTOBER 18, 1964 to OCTOBER 24, 1964

Person reporting REV. JOHN E. TROTMAN

407 ROANOKE AVENUE — Street Address
ELIZABETH CITY, — City
PASQUOTANK — County
N.C. — State

Date submitted: OCTOBER 26, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: First Congressional District

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass ~~[illegible]~~ 1,206

Number instructed at home 19

Number instructed at clinics 71

Number instructed other places 9 a. Specify places Registration Drive Headquarters

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 276

Number successfully registered by this project this week ~~245~~ (265)

Number denied registration in this project this week 11

a. Reason for denial COULD NOT READ OR WRITE ACCORDING TO REQUIREMENTS Residential qualifications

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 63

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not Interested; Religious Reasons; Dislike For Both Canidates

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 842

Number of workers in the campaign 117

Remarks Counters at Polls counted all persons entering which may cause the actual numbered registered to vary. Some went to check to see if their names were on the books. However we are proud to say that we have exceeded our goal. A dire need for instruction on good citizenship. No account of actual registrants have appeared in the paper but our follow up survey indicates the drive was successful.

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11/1/64 WD-JMC

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: NAACP, Perquimans County, N.C

Period covered by this report: From 10-10-64 to 10-24-64

Person reporting Rev. F.L. Andrews

Street Address City County State

Date submitted:

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Perquimans County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 375

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics 25

Number instructed other places ~~no~~ a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week total 256

Number successfully registered by this project this week 226

Number denied registration in this project this week 30

a. Reason for denial Coued not qualify

Number contacted by other means many

a. Specify means Radio, newspapers, handbills

Number refusing to participate 12

a. Reason for refusing to participate not interested, sick

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 275

Number of workers in the campaign 15

Remarks well pleased with outcome section hard to interest people to vote.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: for registration

Period covered by this report: From Oct. 23, 1964 to Oct, 24, 1964

Person reporting Freddie C Hill

Rt. 1 Box 274 Pollocksville, Jones N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Oct. 26, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Third Con. District

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 25 person

Number instructed at home 35 person

Number instructed at clinics noon

Number instructed other places 12 a. Specify places none

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week (5) five

Number successfully registered by this project this week 3,

Number denied registration in this project this week 2

a. Reason for denial they got afraid & fail to read.

Number contacted by other means 10

a. Specify means I asked two other to help me

Number refusing to participate 50

a. Reason for refusing to participate want our people to not talk so much to the other race of. not sure they understand

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 3

Number of workers in the campaign 3

Remarks I work hard but seem like I get more promises than then any thing else

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: N.A.A.C.P. Voter Education Project Drive for Buncombe County

Period covered by this report: From 10/19/64 to 10/24/64

Person reporting Robert L. Harrell

43 Walton Street	Asheville	Buncombe	North Carolina
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: October 26, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Precincts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 168

Number instructed at home None

Number instructed at clinics 15

Number instructed other places 92 a. Specify places Livingston Street School P. T. A.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 78

Number successfully registered by this project this week 78

Number denied registration in this project this week None

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Eight

a. Specify means Telephone

Number refusing to participate 18

a. Reason for refusing to participate Work Working hours conflict with hours polls are open

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 278

Number of workers in the campaign 12 Regulars

Remarks This campaign closes with us knowing that many persons went to the polls as the result of our efforts, but we can't claim credit because they felt that no one should have known that they were not registered.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Gates Co. NAACP Voter Education Project

Period covered by this report: From Oct. 18 to Oct. 24

Person reporting Mrs. E. T. Mitchell

Street Address	Gatesville, City	Gates, County	N .C. State

Date submitted: October 27, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Gates County

7 townships - Gatesville, Hall, Haslett, Holly Grove, Mintonsville, Hunter's Mill, and Reynoldson

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 425

Number instructed at home 86

Number instructed at clinics 42

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 295

Number successfully registered by this project this week 388

Number denied registration in this project this week 14

a. Reason for denial Illiterate

Number contacted by other means 142

a. Specify means Meetings & Telephone Calls

Number refusing to participate 37

a. Reason for refusing to participate Extreme age; ignorance and indifference; not well enough physically to try -

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

* 490

Number of workers in the campaign 24

Remarks * The total figure for persons registered comes from the registration books through the County Chairman of Elections. Other figures are from reports made by Volunteer Workers. The interest generated by this drive was amazing. About 175 persons were present Sunday afternoon at our meeting. We meet again Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1 to instruct "new voters". We shall work to get out the vote.

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Copy
To all 23 workers

P. O. Box 166
Gatesville, North Carolina
October 22, 1964

Mr. S. B. Mitchell
Gatesville
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Saturday, October 24, will bring an end to the Voter Registration Drive in Gates County for this year.

We trust that, as a volunteer worker, you have done all that is within your power to get more of our citizens registered so that they will be eligible to vote in future elections.

Please do meet us at New Hope Church, Sunday afternoon at five o'clock and be prepared to report on the miles you have driven this week, along with the number of persons contacted by you, and other pertinent information.

Our final reports must go to Rev. Ward's office Monday morning and we will need to hear from you Sunday afternoon. Please do not fail us.

We appreciate your help in this effort and we hope that, together, we have influenced many citizens to register.

With kindest good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, Coordinator
Gates County Voter Registration Drive

ETM/rs

Copy
To all Volunteer workers

P. O. Box 166
Gatesville, North Carolina
October 28, 1964

Mrs. Nina Williams
Eure
North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Williams:

This note comes to express to you our grateful appreciation for the assistance that you gave in the Voter Registration Campaign in Gates County.

We are pleased to know that through our combined efforts, a total of 490 persons were registered during the drive. Gates County will steadily and surely move forward as long as citizens like yourself take a definite interest in whatever is good for our people.

As soon as all of our money comes in, you will receive compensation for the miles that you reported.

Let us continue to urge our folk to go to the polls on November 3rd and vote. EVERY VOTE WILL COUNT.

Again, thank you so very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, Coordinator
NAACP Voter Registration Campaign

ETM/s

DON'T FORGET - NOV. 1 - 4:30 P. M., NEW HOPE CHURCH -- VOTER'S SCHOOL

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Wayne County Registration Drive

Period covered by this report: From 10-15-64 to 10-24-64

Person reporting Mrs. S. Cofield

305 S. Leslie St., Goldsboro, Wayne, N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10-28-64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: 3rd Congressional District, Wayne County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 2000

Number instructed at home 500

Number instructed at clinics 800

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week Approximately 2300

Number successfully registered by this project this week Approx 2300

Number denied registration in this project this week None reported

a. Reason for denial _____

Number contacted by other means _____

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate _____

a. Reason for refusing to participate _____

Number of persons successfully registered since the start Approx. 2500

Number of workers in the campaign 150

Remarks We haven't been able to get an exact count of registered yet.

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RESUME OF REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES OF THE GOLDSBORO WAYNE BRANCH OF N. A. A. C. P.

Period Ending 10/24/64

Our activities for this period are listed as follows:

Friday:
Called people whose names appeared on canvas sheets

Saturday:
There were 600 people who registered according to the Chairman of the Board of Elections. 480 of these were Negroes

Sunday:
1. Evaluation of Saturday's registration drive. We considered our weak points and strong points
2. Contrived leaflets

Monday:
1. Meeting with youth group and made certain that they continue their support
2. Meeting with P. T. A.
   A. Demontrating machines
   B. Encourage registration

Tuesday:
Meeting with Community Clubs to continue support of registration drives. Voting machines were demontrated.

Wednesday:
Distributed leaflets to Churches holding prayer meeting.

Thursday
Distributed leaflets to all schools in the City and County in order that the students could take the leaflets home to their parents. 5000 were distributed.

Friday:
Called people whose names appeared on canvas sheets
Committee meeting to make certain that every thing was in readiness for Saturday's drive

Saturday:
Last big push. We registered between 1300-1500 people according to the Chairman of the Board of Eleotions. He stated that he had never seen anything like it before We feel that our efforts were not in vain but were most rewarding.

Mrs. S. Cofield

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Registration Drive - N.A.A.C.P. Granville County

Period covered by this report: From 10-18-64 to 10-24-64

Person reporting Mr. Edward F. Littlejohn

Linden Ave Oxford Granville N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 10-28-64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies:

6 Precincts
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1800

Number instructed at home 600

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 400 a. Specify places

Community Center + The First Baptist Church

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 800

Number successfully registered by this project this week 410

Number denied registration in this project this week 125

a. Reason for denial Could Not pass test

Number contacted by other means

a. Specify means

Number refusing to participate 115

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not Interested

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 995

Number of workers in the campaign 20

Remarks With this part of the project ending, we will do All we can to get out the largest Negro vote in the history of Granville County.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter Education Project

Period covered by this report: From October 18 to 24, 1964

Person reporting John I. Sykes

Mamie, Currituck N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: October 28, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: ~~Snody~~ Mamie, Jarvisburg, Powells Point and Harbinger Communities

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc. Jarvisburg + Powells Point Precinct

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 35

Number instructed at home 40

Number instructed at clinics 0

Number instructed other places 50 a. Specify places Jarvisburg Community Center

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 24

Number successfully registered by this project this week 23

Number denied registration in this project this week 1

a. Reason for denial ~~Can't~~ Couldn't Write well enough

Number contacted by other means 5

a. Specify means on job

Number refusing to participate 2

a. Reason for refusing to participate aged (79-82) too old

Number of persons successfully registered since the start ~~[illegible]~~ 142

Number of workers in the campaign one

Remarks none

this is the last one of my Col Worker Sorrow so late sending it in Jennie L. Ferebee

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Recd VEP 11/12/64

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JM

P. O. Box 166
Gatesville, North Carolina
October 28, 1964

Rev. Charles Ward
125 Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Rev. Ward:

Herewith, enclosed, are our final reports for the Voter Registration Campaign. I was real pleased when I learned that 490 persons had actually registered. Of course, our workers reported that they talked to many who were too ignorant and indifferent to get the idea over to them. No doubt, those same persons are illiterate.

The total number registered represents all seven townships and comes through the Chairman of the Gates County Board of Elections. He seemed quite pleased over our efforts to get more citizens registered.

Our Volunteer Workers have actually reported more miles than our allotment will cover, as our reports show. However, I am making a complete report to you and, if there is any way that we can be compensated for all miles driven, we will be grateful. Everyone worked very hard last week.

Mr. McLean sent his bill in the amount of $26.25. Since I had told him on the phone that we had only $25 to spend for the material, I trust that he can overlook the $1.25. I shall write him to that effect.

I have enjoyed this experience so very much and our volunteer workers have really done a fine job. They have agreed to help get our folk to get out to the polls and vote on November 3.

It is so good to know that we had no unpleasant incidents arise because of our people registering these past weeks. All the volunteer workers reported that the Registrars seemed very interested in helping all that they could.

We hold another meeting Sunday afternoon at 4:30, primarily to teach the use of the ballot. Some of the new registrants, of course, have never seen one.

We appreciate so much the help that we received through your office and I am sure that this has served as an incentive to encourage all of us to continually get more names on the registration books.

With kindest good wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

Elsie T. Mitchell

Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, Coordinator
NAACP Voter Registration Campaign

ETM/s
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THE BUNCOMBE COUNTY BRANCH OF THE N.A.A.C.P.

FELLOW CHRISTIANS:

This nation of ours is approaching the most crucial election in its history. The issues as considered by both political parties boils down to whether this nation shall continue as a nation of free men with liberty, justice, and equality for all, or one which shall turn back the clock to the pre-Civil War years.

It is now encumbered upon every citizen to take an active roll in preserving this freedom, and insure the progress of this nation. In order to do this, you must be REGISTERED TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3, 1964.

We have a program to assist any and all persons who are not registered, and who wish to do so. All you need to do is let us know who you are, and where you live. PLEASE all of you who are not registered leave your name, and address with the persons at the door, and we will send transportation and assistance to your home.

Yours for a Good America,

Robert L. Harrall,
Coordinator of N.A.A.C.P. V. E. P.
Project 13½ Eagle St., Asheville N C

Cross Reference.
Correspondence from Robt. L. Harrell, dated 10/12/64 (no receiving date indicated) Coordinator of N.A.A.C.P. VEP.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voters Education project

Period covered by this report: From Oct. 5, 1964 to Nov. 3, 1964

Person reporting A. R. Winborne

207 E. 3rd. Plymouth Washington N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: 11-3-64

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Washington Co.

three (3) three (3)
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass Approx 100

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places Approx 700 a. Specify places
Churches, Club meetings, and lodges.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project this week ?

Number denied registration in this project this week

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means Probly 100

a. Specify means personal contact

Number refusing to participate

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start

Number of workers in the campaign three (3)

Remarks We've as of Oct. 17th.
380 registered voters in the Plymouth precinct
It is assumed that there are 900 registered
voters in the County.

11/12/64 WB JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: N.A.A.C.P.

Period covered by this report: From 10-3-64 to 11-3-64

Person reporting Rev. O. James Rooks

421 Nash St Greenville - Pitt N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Nov. 4, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Pitt County - 21

Ward, Beat, etc. 21 Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 525

Number instructed at home 75

Number instructed at clinics 300

Number instructed other places 1200 a. Specify places Churches

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week County Wide 750

Number successfully registered by this project this week 500

Number denied registration in this project this week 10

a. Reason for denial Could not read the Oath

Number contacted by other means no estimation, but many.

a. Specify means by radio

Number refusing to participate Only about 6.

a. Reason for refusing to participate every thing is OK

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 8 or 9 hundred.

Number of workers in the campaign mine (9)

Remarks I made contact with every town in the County in person or letter

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REPORT ON NEGRO VOTING Alamance Co, N.C.

Nov. 6, 1964

All precincts have a small percentage of negroes, but we are giving you the largest negro precincts.

NEGRO VOTERS

N. Burlington---------- ----- -2,527

S. Burlington----------250

Burlington No. 7----------360

N. Graham- --~~and E. Graham~~-----542

Pleasent Grove----------550

Albright-- ----------132

Melville----------75

4,177

We are safe in saying the other precincts had a total of at least, 100negro voters, which would make ~~****~~our total 5,177. No. of voters were increawed 270% during this drive. Average no. of voters before drive were 1100.

Flossie White, Coordinator

(Mrs.) Flossie White, Coordinator

Ruth M. Warren

(Mrs.) Ruth Warren, Pres.

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Reported WB-JMC

Name of Project: NAACP

Period covered by this report: From Oct 3, to Nov. 3

Person reporting Flossie White

1003 Madison Ave, Burlington Alamance N.C.
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Oct. 30, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Alamance County

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 800

Number instructed at home 300

Number instructed at clinics 1500

Number instructed other places 800 a. Specify places

First Baptist Church, J.T. Gunn School

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 800

Number successfully registered by this project this week 923 (week of 10/24/64)

Number denied registration in this project this week none

a. Reason for denial none

Number contacted by other means 300

a. Specify means Telephone & Letters

Number refusing to participate 8

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not Known (Ignorance)

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 2005.00 note: Corrected in state office after telephone call to attorney M. Burt. C.W.Ward attorney Burt is vice President of NAACP branch.

Number of workers in the campaign 75

Remarks Campaign on the Courthouse was very successful 4-48

Flossie White (Coordinator)
Ruth M. Warren Pres

10/12/64 WS-JM

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Voter - Registration

Period covered by this report: From October 4, 1964 to Nov 3, 1964

Person reporting James C Boone

P. O Box 102 | Rich Square, | Northampton | North Carolina
Street Address | City | County | State

Date submitted: November 6, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Northampton County

Ward, Beat, etc. | Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass thirty-five (35)

Number instructed at home seventeen (17)

Number instructed at clinics all present at call meeting

Number instructed other places none a. Specify places

St. John AME Church, Conway, N. C.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program ~~this week~~ one-hundred & twenty (120)

Number successfully registered by this project ~~this week~~ 109

Number denied registration in this project this week 11

a. Reason for denial Poor reading and writing

Number contacted by other means none

a. Specify means N/A

Number refusing to participate (7)

a. Reason for refusing to participate Promised but did not keep promise

Number of persons successfully registered since the start (120)

Number of workers in the campaign five (5)

Remarks

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Dec 18, 1964
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REPORT

NAACP VOTER-REGISTRATION
125 East Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

TO: NAACP
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Gentlemen:

As State Chairman of NAACP Voter - Registration, I submit the following report:

In the summer of this year NAACP officials made request of Voter Education Project for funds with which to conduct a voter registration campaign.

VEP selected the following twenty (20) counties as those in which it was willing to spend money for voter registration purposes:

Bertie, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitts, Tyrrell, Washington, Northampton, Gaston, Cleveland, Buncombe, Lee, Granville, Alamance, Wayne, and Harnett.

Subsequently two additional counties were approved to be included in the original budget. These counties are Mecklenburg and Wake.

It was suggested by VEP that a proposed budget be worked out, subject to approval of VEP. At the request of Mr. Kelly Alexander, President of the State Conference of Branches NAACP, Mr. John Brooks assisted by Rev. C. W. Ward worked out the following proposed budget:

For the twenty (20) counties - $495.00 each
Mecklenburg County - $1,495.00
Wake County - $1,505.00
Operation of State Office - $780.00

VEP approved the following:

Twenty (20) counties - $400.00 each = Total of $8,000.00
Mecklenburg County - $1,465.00; Wake County - $1,505.00
State Office - $780.00.
(With the stipulation that all money be spent for Voter registration and none on a partician political basis).

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Mr. John Edwards was to work with Rev. Ward in organizing the counties with his expenses being paid by NAACP. At the outset five counties were assigned to Mr. Edwards. Due to the fact that some others were in close proximity to those already assigned, two additional counties were assigned to Mr. Edwards. The thirteen remaining counties were assigned to Rev. Ward with the understanding that he was to supervise the work in all counties. Since Mecklenburg is the home county of President Alexander, Mr. Alexander chose to be responsible for seeing to it that Mecklenburg was organized and working.

It was reported by Mr. Edwards that the president of the Harnett County NAACP Branch refused to accept the money allocated for his Branch under existing rules. Mr. Edwards and Rev. Ward were unable to find Coordinators for Martin and Gaston counties in time to promote a voter registration campaign. Gaston county is on permanent registration and their books closed early as in the case of Mecklenburg and Wake counties.

In the beginning all of the original twenty (20) counties were organized but the three mentioned above, plus Mecklenburg and Wake. Later, with the consent of Mr. Branton, Onslow and Jones counties were organized.

The composite report will show the following:

> Twenty-one (21) counties participated, 850 persons were involved in the campaign, some $8,857.55 was spent and 15,762 persons were registered.
>
> NAACP carried on its Voter Registration in other counties where VEP was not also active in financial support. From reports and estimates approximately 37,000 were registered in the remaining 79 counties, making a total of approximately 50,000 to 52,000 added to the books in October and November.
>
> For the May Primary approximately 50,000 were added. It is safe to say 100,000 new Negro registrants have been added to the books in 1964.

Since Mecklenburg and Wake counties are on a permanent registration basis, the books closed October 12th; at the time the books closed, the report showed that $1,000.00 had been spent in Wake County and no additional money was appropriated. Mecklenburg's report shows that $1,565.00 was spent. Only $500.00 has been sent to Mecklenburg and Mr. Branton has that report under study and advisement.

Many of the counties in which the Campaign was waged are primarily rural counties with farming being the chief occupation in several. A number are in the section sometimes referred to as the Black Belt. In some counties,

especially in the east, Negroes constitute more than 50% of the population. In some Congressional Districts, Negroes approximate almost 50% of the population. In such counties or districts, it is reported to be common for "slowing tactics" to be used by some Registrars in registering Negroes.

Mr. Ward and Mr. Edwards are indebted to NAACP officials, both State and National and to Voter Education Project for advice and financial assistance given in this project.

Signed:

Charles W. Ward, Chairman
State Political Action Committee

John Edwards, Special Assistant

CWW:mdv

VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT REPORT CONTINUED

PART II

The following counties are in the First Congressional District:

Pitt, Washington, Tyrrell, Bertie, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquatank, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Jones, Onslow, and Northampton.

There are about 75,000 Negroes of voting age and about 89,000 whites. Prior to the May primary there were 13,248 Negroes registered in the First Congressional District, according to NAACP findings. The average income is relatively low as compared to the more urbanized sections of the State. This generally is true educational wise. From a casual glance the housing is fairly good along the roadside. Some people commute to neighborboring cities and even the adjoining State of Virginia for public employment.

Alamance, Buncombe, Cleveland, Granville, Lee, Wayne, Wake, Mecklenburg, are spread across the State running westward to Ashville. The central and western section is called the Piedmont section where better employment is available and opportunities for all people are better. The median income is higher, schools are more numerous and ~~better~~ housing conditions are generally better and the general social relation at a higher tone.

As far as could be ascertained no Negroes held public offices in the eastern section of the State. In this case National rather than local election was the factor that motivated Negroes to register.

Preceeding the organization of the Registration Program, President Alexander of NAACP and Mr. John Brooks met with the State Chairman of Political Action and outlined with him objectives and goals for each County in the State and how we should go about reaching these goals. The State was divided geographically with Mr. Edwards being responsible for counties west of Raleigh, North Carolina. Rev. Ward was to be responsible for counties east of Raleigh where the greatest potentials were plus the overall supervision for the statewide program.

The Field Secretary was to cooperate with the program wherever and whenever needed. A proposed budget was worked out and submitted to VEP. Friction among the leaders was negligible with perhaps as few as two noticeable incidents which did not hamper the program.

The NAACP has a fairly well defined program outlined for Voter Registration. The idea is to work year-round in the counties which have permanent registration and to start early in other counties so that it will not be too hard to get programs moving when registration books open. The goal is to register 75,000 to 100,000 Negroes per year until a respectible number of eligible Negro voters are registered and voting.

In the community which the Chairman of Political Action knows best those individuals, who have shown an interest in political action prior to this Campaign, were the ones outstanding. It is true, however, that new personnel was brought into

the program but leadership roles were played by those who have been in the program before.

In each county where there was an active Branch of NAACP, it was asked to head the Drive. In may cases the Presidents of Branches served as County Coordinators, or the spouse of the President. Wherever no active Branches existed, persons who were members of NAACP or had been, were chosen to serve as Coordinators. The Coordinator's job was to go throughout his or her County and secure workers, cars, drivers, canvassers to ring door bells, break up his county into smaller areas according to election districts, getting chairmen to head the Precincts, wards or townships.

The Chairman of the County along with the Chairmen of voting districts constitute the policy making body with freedom to organize and work as long as their plans did not conflict with NAACP or VEP.

PUBLICITY

In most communities there seemed to have been a good degree of cooperation. The Women's Voters' League in some communities cooperated, the Young Democratic Clubs, Churches, fraternal organizations, P. T. A., National Council of Negro Women, Civic groups and others. In some cases radio and T. V. stations gave free time for announcements etc.

In many cases, groups of young people and college students, as well as adults, either helped with folding and stamping mail or took over this responsibility completely. We do not know of any case where public announcement could not be made. In one case,the headquarters was located in a Church (Elizabeth City, North Carolina).

CHURCHES

In many cases, ministers were contacted through Ministerial Associations or by individual. Several County Chairmen were ministers, who knew the other ministers in their counties. No reports have come to the office that there was refusal on the part of local ministers to cooperate with county chairmen.

A day was set aside by NAACP when all ministers were asked to preach on the matter. In some cities, it was done.

ADVERTISEMENT

Several counties had contracts with radio stations to run spot announcements for a certain number of days or weeks, some had free announcements made. In

some communities, leaders were sought out by the local press for statements. Several clippings have already been sent in.

In most cases, announcers read the pre-prepared statements. In one communit announcements came from a National Church organization, and was carried regularly on a paid basis.

Many different posters, handbills, leaflets, tags, and windshield stickers were used to advertise the Campaign. One county Chairman, tacked up posters on trees, telegram posts, and the like. The materials were secured through VEP, NAACP and COPE. County chairmen and their workers distributed the material in each community.

Mass meetings proved helpful in some counties. In one case, three counties came together and out of the meeting we were able to add more than 1000 names in one week. The known cases where speakers were employed, it is the opinion of the chairman, that the speakers were chosen for their image as well as for the information they could impart. In most cases, volunteers were secured and fitted into the organization to work. This method of recruitment is fairly successful, but follow-up and personal work must continue. Generally, a person to person contact is more successful, especially on the top level assignment.

Many of the organizations mentioned above provided personnel and in cases of Churches, space for the program.

Some counties had well organized programs with office and part-time workers. Others used their homes for office, out of which they worked. Most counties paid, part or most of their workers something. This is not the rule; it is the exception to pay workers. It is the opinion of the Chairman, however, that much more was achieved in a short time than could have been done if no pay had been offered.

DOOR-TO-DOOR CANVASSING

The county chairmen along with their co-workers, secured the names of registered persons in many localities. By simple deduction, it was easy to determine what areas needed canvassing. The organizing was structered to meet the needs of the area to be canvassed. In rural areas, a road with houses on both sides, in the city, a precinct or township or ward was chosen and door to door canvass was made until all or most persons were contacted. Follow-up cards were filed on those who were not at home or refused to register in many cases. Provisions were made for transporting persons to the Registrar Office, for baby sitting, and to give whatever instructions necessary for a given community; even down to having the Oath printed or whatever other material required to be read in the State or County.

The Canvassers were usually given some type of food or refreshment. No particular amount was promised. Many times the County Chairmen gave

small honorariums to workers. In most instances, motivation came through practical means, that is, telling the person what it would mean to him and to the Negro to get an additional 100,000 Negroes registered. As a general rule, Negroes are harder to motivate from an ideological point of view. The Negro wants to know ' what does it mean to me in terms of better jobs, street lights, homes, police protection, civil rights, etc.' These things he understands and is interested in. These things were used as a general motivating means.

One City was able to secure cooperation from the Police Department in blocking off streets for block parties. Some had "Lights on for freedom" parades. One City had a "candle light parade".

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Generally the attitude of the personnel in the Registrar's Office was one of "the more the merrier". Perhaps this can be explained by the fact that North Carolina is a democratic state and the majority of persons in Registrar's offices are democrats. They think that most Negroes are registering as democrates. So it was a matter of making the party look good. I think it can be said, with much certainty, that the Negro vote was a prime factor in keeping North Carolina in the Democratic column. (See attached photocopies of Newspaper articles - Raleigh Times, December 1 and the News and Observer, December 2).

In two counties we experienced hostile attitudes from Registrars. Both had been accused of employing slowing tactics. In one case we were able to get an additional day for registering those who were standing in line when the books closed. (Bertie County). Different counties had different arrangements. Some had Registrars at the Polling places, others placed their Registrars at the Courthouse or the place of business of the Registrars. Not too many cases of overt discrimination were observed, wherever there were, they were called to the attention of Registrars, and in most instances, adjustments were made.

In the eastern part of North Carolina, the Ku Klux Klan was very active during the May primary and since coming up to election time. In several counties, crosses were burned but burning crosses don't frighten too many people and in some communities this might have aroused more Negroes to register. Several made statements to this effect:-

> A number of persons above fifty years of age registered for the first time. Some were reported to have been above seventy years old. Many of these have said, "I hadn't thought about registering but since the Ku Klux Klan has started, I will register and vote."

I have asked Coordinators in some of these counties to get pictures of these individuals for my report, but they are hesitant to get pictures taken in this regard.

Our follow-up on those who failed is at a standstill at the present time. The reports show that there were only a few in some counties who failed for any reason. If any funds can be made available through the State Conference of Branches, the Chairman of Political Action plans the second phase of the campaign to be Voter Education, where Clinics will be held periodically in various counties for the purpose of helping those who failed as well as making good citizens of those who registered but may not care to vote. News media gave publicity to the Drive in many of the counties, and took due notice to the success of the Drive.

Public officials were generally cordial toward the Drive. The chairman and executive secretary of the State Board of Elections were cooperative and helpful in giving information about State registration laws and in one case providing an extra day for persons to register who were standing in line when the books closed. On the County level, officials were cooperative in most cases. Wherever opposition came it was usually from one or two sources or both:

> Counties where public officials might have thought their positions could have been threatened by a large Negro vote (These counties have large Negro population) and from persons who might have thought that their political affliation could be weaken because Negroes would not support their party.

Public officials were not always appraised of the number participating in the Drive. Yet some expressed apprehension - they were hopeful that the Negro is not trying to build a power structure to pit against whites. Some were hopeful that the Negro would grow up politically and be independent with his vote. Those most vocal were in support of the Drive.

My best contact is with the secretary of the State Board of Elections and with the president of the Young Democratic Club. These individuals are very pleased with results. One has called to my attention an earlier prediction which he made and it came true. The chairman of the local Board of Elections is a personal acquaintance and she has expressed her satisfaction with the way the registration and election went, especially in the predominantly Negro precincts. The Governor elect of North Carolina has not been interviewed by the Chairman - the President of the State Conference of Branches has said that he plans to seek an audience with him. I have been told; however, that he has been reminded that 85% to 96% of the Negro vote went to him. In the case of the Congressman for the Fourth Congressional District, in which I live, it has been reported to me that our Congressman publically stated that he would not have been sent back to Washington had it not been for the Negro vote. (This was a very close election with Mr. Cooley winning by less than 1000 votes).

The results of the campaign can be seen at a glance, county by county, from the chart sheet included in this report.

The Campaign was effective. When we consider the fact that the books were

already open in some counties where the budget was approved and about ready to open in others. I would say it was well conducted. If I were to conduct a campaign of this nature in the future, I would use the same design but would spend less money in some counties where the potentials are smaller, and more in others where the possibilities are greater. Personally if our design is perfected, I don't have any better plan to offer. Of course, the more we work at the plan the better we can perfect it.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Ward, State Chairman
Committee on Political Action NAACP

CWW:mdv

First Baptist Church

101 South Wilmington Street
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

CHARLES W. WARD, *Pastor*
501 South Bloodworth Street
Residence: TE 3-0566
Church: TE 2-1649

J. W. YEARGIN, *Church Clerk*
W. H. TAYLOR, *Chairman of Deacon Board*
W. C. DAVENPORT, *Chairman of Trustee Board*

January 6, 1965 JAN 7 1965

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N.W. Room 206
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Branton:

I received your letter of December 31, also a copy of the letter sent to Mr. Fred Alexander.

I am sorry that your office secretary failed to find a copy of the report from Charlotte. In checking my folder on Charlotte, I find only these copies of an original which I thought had been sent to you. I am enclosing this, hoping that it suffices. Only on two occasions have I received any kind of report from Charlotte. This was the first and I sent the second on to you, complete just as it came to me.

This cleans out my folder on Charlotte. You now have everything which I have received from Charlotte including duplicate copies.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Ward

Charles W. Ward

CWW:jll
Enclosure

December 31, 1964

The Rev. Charles Ward
NAACP Voter Registration Office
125 E. Hargett Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-48

Dear Rev. Ward:

In your letter to us of October 20, you stated, ". . . I am enclosing the progress report from Charlotte showing the final tabulations . . ." The office secretary opens all mail and noticed that there was no such enclosure, and made a notation at that time, and we have never received the report. Will ypu please examine your files to see if you can locate a copy to send to us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley Al Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. Kelly Alexander

WB

JAN 2 1965

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Charlotte Branch N. A. A. C. P. Voter Education Project. (This report covers work done from September 24, thru Oct. 12, 1964)

Period covered by this report: From September 24, 1964 to Oct. 12, 1964

Person reporting F. D. Alexander, Chairman, Branch Voter Education Project

2140 Senior Drive	Charlotte, N. C.	Mecklenburg	North Carolina
Street Address	City	County	State

Date submitted: October 17, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: The Negro community of Charlotte, N. C.

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 1000 plus

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics 370 Our voter education institute conducted each Thursday night, at University Park Baptist Church

Number instructed other places None a. Specify places

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week

Number successfully registered by this project 1536

Number denied registration in this project this week 18 reported by field workers

a. Reason for denial Inability to write and read

Number contacted by other means 1203

a. Specify means Calls made by telephone teams

Number refusing to participate 25

a. Reason for refusing to participate Religious beliefs and pure ignorance

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 1536

Number of workers in the campaign 33

Remarks This campaign, though short, we consider one of our best efforts, due to the fact that funds were available to implement the work beyond the range of usual volunteer efforts. The reluctance of many people, from all walks of our community life, to render voluntary service of this kind is appalling, and, cites the need forr a hurculean task of community education that must be set forth right. The apathy shown by citizens, in a community where no overt acts of violence are evident, nor resistance to registration efforts by Negroes a concern of the local officials, makes it necessary to consider an approach to mass media that can be thought provoking, without creating incidents to disturb the seeming community "good relations".

Attempts will be made to continue this project indefinitely.

VEP 4-48

COUNTY	BUDGET ALLOWED	SPENT	SURPLUS	NUMBER REGISTERED	DEFICIT
Alamance	$ 400.00	$ 337.14	$ 62.86	2005	$
Bertie	400.00	333.83	66.17	575	
Buncombe	400.00	264.48	135.52	278	
Chowan	400.00	417.93		193	17.93
Cleveland	400.00	337.76	62.24	1000	
Currituck	400.00	336.58	63.42	142	
Gates	400.00	413.31		490	13.31
Granville	400.00	263.58	136.42	975	
Hertford	400.00	293.62	106.38	275	
Jones	Late Entry	70.00		3	
[illegible]	400.00	396.75	3.25	300	
Northhampton	400.00	326.50	73.50	120	
Onslow	Late Entry	309.00		1030	
Pasquotank	400.00	631.21		842	231.21
Perquimans	400.00	319.25	80.70	275	
Pitts	400.00	178.50	221.50	900	
Tyrrell	400.00	249.02	150.98	94	

COUNTY	BUDGET ALLOWED	SPENT	SURPLUS	NUMBER REGISTERED	DEFICIT
Washington	$ 400.00	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	700	$
Wayne	400.00	414.76		2500	14.76
Total spent for 21 counties - - -		$6,093.22			
Wake	1500.00	1,000.00	505.00	1529	
Mecklenburg	1465.00	500.00	965.00	1536	
Total spent in 2 counties - - -		$ 1,500.00			
STATE OFFICE	780.00	1,264.33			

TOTALS

Spent in 19 counties - -	$6,093.22
Surplus for 19 counties - -	1,362.99
Deficit for 21 counties - -	277.21
Spent in 2 counties - -	1,500.00
Surplus for 2 counties - -	1,470.00
Surplus for all counties - -	2,832.99
Deficit for State Office - -	484.33

Spent in all counties - -	$7,593.22
Spent in State Office - -	1,264.33
Grand Total Spent - -	$8,857.55
Total Deficit --	$ 761.54
Total Surplus --	$2,832.99

NUMBER REGISTERED --- 15,762

Appendage
Revised

I had done this part of my report before Mr. Branton's letter came Disallowing payment to Custom Reproduction.

This sheet shows the revision necessitated by his letter and the resulting changes in final figures.

COUNTY	BUDGET ALLOWED	SPENT	SURPLUS	DEFICIT
Bertie	$ 400.00	$ 288.83	$ 111.17	$
Buncombe	400.00	221.88	178.12	
C Cleveland	400.00	295.01	104.99	
Currituck	400.00	293.83	106.17	
Gates	400.00	388.31	11.69	
Lee	400.00	352.25	47.75	
Northampton	400.00	283.00	117.00	
Pasquotank	400.00	588.50		188.50
Perquimans	400.00	paid 233.75 owe 136.25	30.00	
Pitts	400.00	121.00	279.00	
Tyrrell	400.00	206.27	193.73	
Washington	400.00	157.25	242.75	

Outstanding approximately $356.25

TOTALS

Spent in 19 counties	$5,619.06	Spent in all counties	$7,119.06
Surplus for 19 counties	$2,380.94	Spent in State Office	1,711.71
Deficit for 21 counties	221.15	Grand total spent	8,830.77
Spent in 2 counties	1,500.00	Total sent	9,000.00
Surplus for 2 counties	1,470.00	Balance on hand December 9,1964	269.23
Surplus for all counties	3,850.90		
Deficit for state office	931.71	Bills outstanding approximately	356.25

September 25, 1964

Mr. Gordon A. Rodgers, Jr., President
Calhoun County Improvement Association
P. O. Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-50

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

In our letter of August 28, we told you that we would waive the requirement for the use of voucher checks but experience with other projects has convinced us that we must keep this requirement for all projects. Because there will not be time for most agencies to get voucher checks printed, we have decided to handle all such accounts from this office.

We have approved a grant for your voter registration program in Anniston, Alabama, in the amount of $750, and it is our understanding that this program will begin immediately and terminate on or about October 23, 1964. I am enclosing an instruction sheet which you should read carefully, and you will note that we will pay most of your bills from this office upon receipt of a voucher request for payment. A supply of Request for Payment forms is being sent under separate cover.

I enclose herein our VEP check in the amount of $100 which you may use as a petty cash fund in accordance with the VEP instructions. This leaves $650 in your grant account. Please have those persons who will be authorized to submit a Request for Payment to sign the enclosed card and return it at once to VEP. Mrs. Jane Moore, our Research Assistant, will be writing you separately regarding progress reporting requirements. If there is anything which you do not understand, then please let us know.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:jm
Encls: 3

August 28, 1964

Mr. Gordon A. Rodgers, Jr.
President
Calhoun County Improvement Assn.
P. O. Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

We have approved your request for a grant in the amount of $750 to support a registration campaign during the first two weeks in October, and can send you the money at such time as you think you will need it.

We normally require the use of specially printed triplicate voucher checks, but since this is a relatively small grant and for a short duration, we will not make this requirement, and will permit you to use regular checks. We will require that you open a special bank account for the sole use of VEP funds, and we will require a complete financial accounting at the completion of the project.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

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August 7, 1964

AUG 8 1964

Mr. Wiley Branton, Chairman
Voter-Education Project
9 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter concerning the application for a grant to assist us in a Voter Registration drive.

The Board will be in session for ten days in the month of October (October 5 - 16). We shall do our best to make these days count.

Yours for the work,

Gordon A. Rodgers Jr.

Anniston-Calhoun County
Voters League,
Gordan A. Rodgers, Jr., President

July 21, 1964

Mr. Gordan A. Rodgers, Jr., President
Anniston-Calhoun County Voters League
Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 26 in which you request a grant in the amount of $750 in support of a voter registration program in Calhoun County, Alabama during a two-week period in October.

I feel that we can make you some kind of grant but would like to know how many days the books will be opened in your county for registration during the month of October. Please let us hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:bs

~~Project~~ Proposals pending

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JUN 30 1964

ANNISTON-CALHOUN COUNTY
VOTERS LEAGUE
Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama
June 26, 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

This comes as a letter of application requesting a grant to aid us in our struggle to secure more registered voters from potential qualified Negroes of Calhoun County. We feel that the success of the plight of the Negro lies in his access to the ballot, whereas, previously he has been grossly denied. Therefore, we have planned to put forth a strenous Registration Campaign during the first two weeks in October.

There are approximately twenty thousand Negroes in Calhoun County with approximately two thousand of that number registered voters.

It is our intention to carry out a concentrated effort during the entire summer with the hopes that by October we will have gained such momentum that the Special Drive will be a real success. However, we need financial help. If you can give us a grant for the two weeks effort in October we feel that we can make tremendous progress.

Listed below is an itemized account of the needs for the two weeks:

1. Director	$250.00
2. Secretary	150.00
3. Telephone	50.00
Lights	10.00
5. Office Supplies	100.00
6. Rent	30.00
7. Water	10.00
8. Transportation	50.00

Proposals Pending

9. Vouchers	100.00
Total	$750.00

Listed below is a summary statement of the activities of our effort in 1963. Included you will see many of the problems we have faced with the Board of Registers during our intense efforts to gain the ballot.

Our County Voters League attempts atleast one all out registration campaign each year. During the other months, lesser efforts are exerted by the members each time the Board is in session. During July, 1963, the Board was in session for ten days. We made an all out effort to get people registered. We got a total of 150 applicants to the Court House, 100 before the Board and 48 were granted certificates of registration. On the second day of the session the Board decided to close for dinner one and one/half hour each day. Apparently this was because there was a line of Negroes waiting to be processed. Prior to this time the Board members would take turns to go for lunch thereby keeping the office operating. On the seventh day of the session, the Board announced at 10:30 A.M. they were leaving for the precincts and would not be in the Court House any more during the week. But they did hold their last day at the Court House. Therefore the ten day session netted only six and one/half days for us.

In addition to the above mentioned slow-down tactics, the Board requires Negro applicants to sit at a 3' X 3' table with one side against the wall. That allows only three to be processed at one time. Meanwhile there is a long Conference table which seats eight that Whites use. Recently we have received reports that only one applicant (Negro) is allowed to attempt to register at one time.

Reports of these denials have been sent to the United States Department of Justice and they have been investigated. Attorney David Marlin of the Department made tqo visits here in 1963 and talked with the Board and Negro leaders separately. In December the F.B.I. photographed the records. An agent of the F. B. I. met with the Negro leaders to determine who of the rejected applicants are Negroes. The agent read a list of names of those rejected at a

rate of approximately one per two minutes for four hours. All the names except two were Negro. The Department now has these records in Washington studying them further.

In regard to the number of Negroes now on the voter roll in Calhoun County, the Probate Judge says 2,500. But during the May 5, 1964, primary, when Mrs. Boynton opposed Representative Kenneth Roberts for Congress, Mrs. Boynton polled only 1,756 votes in Calhoun County. Many of the names on the list are deceased or have moved away and an undetermined number did not find time to vote. Our actual figure we think is 2,000 approximately. We may presume that 1,756 voters, the number Mrs. Boynton got, is our actual available County voters. Representative Roberts got 10,538.

We feel that through the assistance of the Justice Department and your office we can move from the shamful denial of the ballot to a well represented group of qualified voters. We feel that the heroic moment for Calhoun County is now. We are willing to make whatever sacrifice necessary to accomplish our goal. We beg of you your help.

Thank you very kindly.

Yours for good Citizenship,

Anniston-Calhoun County Voters League,

Gordon A. Rodgers, Jr.

Gordan A. Rodgers, Jr., President

4-58

September 28, 1964

Mr. Gordon A. Rogers, Jr., President
Calhoun County Improvement Association
P.O. Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We are sending, under separate cover, a supply of research reporting forms. We request that you submit a report each week, starting from the beginning of your project. We believe the items on the forms are self-explanatory, but feel free to question or make comment.

At the conclusion of your project, we will expect a comprehensive narrative report. I am enclosing a guide-line form along with the research reporting forms.

Any pertinent newspaper or magazine articles will be welcomed. Please don't forget to write the name of the paper and the date on each clipping.

If at any time you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

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September 21, 1964

SEP 22 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsythe Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Please send us the grant for the Special Voter Registration Drive for Calhoun County. We are now laying the foundation for the work.

Mr. Hosea Williams has been consulted and he has pledged his support in helping to make the Drive successful.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Gordon A. Rodgers Jr.

Anniston-Calhoun County
Voters League
G. A. Rodgers, President

VEP 4-50

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September 30, 1964

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Gentlemen,

Enclosed is voucher for your consideration.

We have so fardone the following,

1. Employed a director
2. Rented office at 420 W. 15th Street Pho 236-6764
3. Purchased office supplies
4. Recruited survey team
5. Conducted survey of city
6. Presently we are organizing data from survey

On september 21 Reverends James Orange & Richard Boone of SCLC arrived and their expert know how and advise have proved invaluable. The enblosed voucher is for automobile for their use.

This month our County Board of Registrars started employing an additional set of questions that are difficult to the point of being impossible. Many of us have telephoned and written the Justice Department for relief by October 5th when our campaign begins.

We would also be very happy if you would use your influence in securing aid of the Justice Department during the campaign Oct. 5-15.

Yours truly,

Gordon A. Rodgers Jr.

GORDON A, RODGERS, Jr.

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October 3, 1964

OCT 5 1964

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street NW
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Gentlemen,

Enclosed find receipts and request for payment forms #3,4,5.

You asked in October 1 letter, "why did we rent an automobile for a whole week whwn the Board was not in session".

We are depending heavily upn assistance and advice from SCLC. When Reverends Richard Boone & James Orange arrived from the SCLC office their first requirement was full time use of an auto and they suggested renting one. Naturally we complied. As I explained in my letter of September 30 & voucher #2it was solely for their use. It was used during the city wide survey.

Kindly let me know what form to use in submitting weekly petty cash expenditures?

Yours truly,

Gordon A. Rodgers, Jr.

GORDON. A. RODGERS, Jr.

VEP 4-50

FINANCIAL COPY

October 5, 1964

Mr. Gordon A. Rodgers, Jr.
President
Calhoun County Improvement Assn.
P. O. Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-50

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Thank you for your letter of October 3. We have today honored your Request-for-Payment forms No. 2, 3, 4, and 5, and checks have been sent as designated on the requests.

There is no prescribed form for reporting petty cash expenditures, and you may simply show the amount of petty cash on hand, then list the item and amount of each expenditure since the last accounting, and then show the balance of petty cash on hand. You must, of course, attach vouchers and invoices to support the expenditures.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

4-50

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10-10-64

October 1, 1964

Mr. Gordon A. Rodgers, Jr., President
Calhoun County Improvement Association
P. O. Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-50

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 30 in which was included a request for payment in the amount of $105.32 as reimbursement for auto rental. We have not received a signature card which was included in your letter of September 25, and therefore no payment can be made until the same has been returned to us.

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October 6, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atalanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In view of some recent developments of the campaign for Voter-Registration in Anniston our budget is being altered subject to your approval.

Please find listed below a new itemization of our proposed expenditures:

Director	$125.00
Secretary	90.00
Telephone	19.66
Lights	10.00
Office Supplies	60.00
Rent	30.00
Water	3.44
Transportation	250.00
Room & Board	162.00
Total	$750.00

Please note the addition in the amount for transportation. This is done because we requested help from Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Mr. James Orange and Mr. Richard E. Boone are spending four weeks with us, two weeks before the Books were opened making a survey of potential applicants, and two weeks while the Board is in session. The men are on salary from S.C.L.C., however, they needed transportation in making the survey of the metropolitan area and to assist in transporting applicants to the Board. We decided, therefore, to rent for them an automobile and cut our expenses in other areas, supplementing where we can from local funds to make up the deficit.

Thank you very much for you kind consideration and the grant for the campaign.

VEP 4-50

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton - 2

Please be advised that a detailed report will be forwarded to you of all the activities of the campaign.

Your sincerely,

Gordon A. Rodgers Jr.

Calhoun County Improvement Association
Gordan A. Rodgers, Jr., President

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Anniston Calhoun County Improvement Association

Period covered by this report: From Oct 5 to Oct 15, 1964

Person reporting Mrs A.M. Molock

17 Brown Ave Anniston Calhoun Alabama

Street Address City County State

OCT 23 1964

Date submitted: Oct 22, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Calhoun County

Beats 1-20

Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 2000

Number instructed at home

Number instructed at clinics

Number instructed other places 120 a. Specify places Office 420 W 15th St Anniston, Ala.

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week 200

Number successfully registered by this project this week 50

Number denied registration in this project this week 150

a. Reason for denial Failed Question air of 8 Constitutional Questions

Number contacted by other means 650

a. Specify means Mass Meeting

Number refusing to participate None

a. Reason for refusing to participate

Number of persons successfully registered since the start 50

Number of workers in the campaign 150

Remarks Slow down Tactics of the Board Kept 100 people from getting to Apply. They went to The Court House

vep 4-50

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Calhoun County Improvement Association

Period covered by this report: From Sept 14 to Oct 3

Person reporting Mrs A-M. Molock

1307 Brown Ave Anniston Calhoun Alabama
Street Address City County State

Date submitted: Oct 22, 1964

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~~Beat 15~~
Ward, Beat, etc. Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass 2000

Number instructed at home 40

Number instructed at clinics 85

Number instructed other places 145 a. Specify places

office 420 W. 15th St Anniston

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week Board Not in session until Oct 5th

Number successfully registered by this project this week

Number denied registration in this project this week

a. Reason for denial

Number contacted by other means ~~Mass Meetings~~ 800

a. Specify means Mass Meetings

Number refusing to participate 10

a. Reason for refusing to participate Not Interested

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Remarks

November 9, 1964

Mr. Gordon A. Rodgers, Jr.
Calhoun County Improvement Association
P. O. Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-50

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Will you please send us financial accounting on the $100 petty cash fund which we sent for your voter registration program, and which should include the proper receipts and vouchers.

Please let us know if you have any other bills which you expect VEP to pay in connection with your program, and if so, submit the proper Request-for-Payment immediately.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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Answered

ANNISTON - CALHOUN COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE
420 WEST 15th STREET
ANNISTON, ALABAMA -:- PHO. 236-6764

Rec'd 11/27/64

WB
JM

Nov 26, 1964

Voter Education Project
Atlanta Georgia,

Gentlemen -

Enclosed are vouchers for remaining unpaid bills, petty cash account & return balance and several newspaper clippings.

The full page Anniston Manifesto preceded the campaign but referred to US Constitution admendment XV.

In addition to our campaign the Junior Chamber of Commerce exerted some effort as did the White Citizens Council toward getting citizens registered.

We are working on the long detailed background information report and expect to have it in your hands soon.

Yours truly,

Gordon C. Coker Jr

VEP 4-50

Ref Article in Anniston Star
by James Chisum.

We agree with this minute by minute account of ~~Monday~~ Tuesday Oct 6, 1964 at the Calhoun County Alabama Board of Registrars except for the following additions + exceptions.

1. On days that a number of Negros are present for application the Board Closes for dinner at 11:30 AM + reopens at 1 P.M.

2. There were ~~three~~ vouchers present at 1 AM to testify for Negro applicants. They Were Mrs Mattie Fundurburg and James Trinsley + Mrs Molock

3. ~~Throughout~~ Earlier in the afternoon the waiting line contained 30 colored people at one time. But at 3:15 when the reporter counted them only eleven were still waiting

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VEP Office
Anniston, Ala.
Oct. 1964

Registration Move Under Way

The Anniston Junior Chamber of Commerce currently is conducting an all-out campaign designed to have every person qualified to vote to be registered in time for the November election.

Jaycees noted that the Calhoun County Board of Registrars meets weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 to 11:30 a.m.

The group also noted that payment of poll tax i not neceary in a national election.

Oct. 15 is the last day for registration and all persons registering must be accompanied by a registered voter.

Anniston Star
Oct 11 1964

Deadline Near For Registering

The Calhoun County Board of Registrars will be in session Monday through Thursday, during the hours of 8 - 11:30 a. m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m.

Each applicant must be accompanied by a registered voter.

This is the last opportunity for those not registered to become qualified voters before the November election.

No poll tax is required to vote for Federal officers, including President and congressmen.

Club Adopts Registration Resolution

Newspaper Writer Speaks At Kiwanis

The Anniston Kiwanis Club Thursday adopted a resolution urging the local Board of Registrars and the Calhoun County legislative delegation to investigate ways to make registration of qualified voters easier.

The resolution was proposed two weeks ago by Jess Causey and adopted by the club's board of directors before presentation to the entire membership.

The program for the club's weekly luncheon meeting in the YMCA was arranged by Harry Rainwater, who could not be present because of a conflicting meeting. For him, John White introduced Burns Bennet, assistant chief of operations of the Alabama Selective Service system and a noted newspaper columnist.

In the few serious moments of his talk, Bennett pointed out the paradox Americans present —producers of the most food, yet furnishing more dieters than any other country; claiming more marriage counselors —and more divorces, and the like.

But he continued to declare the essential unity of the country, taking his text from John Donne. Ending on a patriotic note, he declared:

'We don't have to be ashamed. We don't have to bow our heads to anyone." He was speaking of all Americans.

Homer McNaron presided at the meeting in the absence of President Al Summerlin. The club heard reports of ticket sales for a travelog series, begin next week.

Publisher Stirs Wit At Kiwanis

Tallassee Editor Praises Newspaper

In a program "blamed" on National Newspaper Week celebration, Herve Charest, Jr., editor and publisher of The Tallassee Tribune, delighted Kiwanians Thursday during a program arranged by Ralph W. Callahan, general manager of The Anniston Star.

Also during the luncheon meeting in the YMCA, Jess Causey asked the club to write a letter protesting the methods used in registering voters to the governor, the secretary of state and the state auditor. These people are responsible for appointing members of the Board of Registrars.

The motion was seconded by Tapley Klein, and sent to the board of directors, which will consider it and return it to the entire club for consideration.

Woodruff Is Elected

Dr. Gerald Woodruff, Jr., was elected unanimously to replace John Nixon on the board. Nixon recently resigned from the ciub.

Jack King, a former member, was welcomed back into the club. President Al Summerlin, who is ill, sent his regards.

The Tallassee publisher, winner of a number of state and national awards in his profession, tossed in only a few serious remarks in his talk.

He noted that a newspaper is an industry, which provides comparatively large payrollf for any city, and that it provides customers through its employes. It is also a guardian of freedom, he said, and added a few minutes later:

Editorial Page Must

"We believe in having an editorial page, whether we have anything else or not."

Among his stories:

A citizen asked a school boy: "Who tore down the walls of Jericho?" He received the following replies:

Student: "I didn't do it."

Teacher: "He's a truthful boy, and I don't believe he did it."

Principal: "I have faith in both of them, and if the teacher said he didn't, then he did not."

Superintendent: 'Why make a mountain out of a molehill? Let's pay for the walls and forget it."

Hulon Morris, program chairman of the month, asked Callahan to arrange the program. Homer McNaron, vice president, presided. Among guests for the day were Cody Hall and H. Brandt Ayers, executives of the Anniston Star, and a delegation from Rome, Ga.

Note in photograph silhouette of lone Negro applicant being processed while many chairs are vacant and there is a waiting line in the hallway.

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Altogether, it takes a lot longer now to register.

Reporter Stops By

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At 10:45 a.m., three white applicants were seated at a big table in the center of the room with the members of the Board of Registrars. A Negro was seated at a small table near the door, and a number of Negro applicants were waiting in line outside the door.

As two of the white applicants left, a second Negro joined the other at the small table. A few minutes later, the first Negro was told he had missed seven of the eight questions and had failed the test.

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Dr. Rodgers Appears

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A few minutes after 2 p.m. Dr. Rodgers, who had disappeared soon after his first appearance, returned. He exclaimed at the sight of the empty chairs around the big table, the Negroes at the small table and the idle registrars.

He waited about 10 minutes, then came inside.

Member In Denial

"Look, we've got a lot of people here who've been waiting since 1 o'clock," he said. One of the Board members denied this, declaring applicants were taken as they come.

At 3:15, a Board member warned the now indignant Negroes in the hall that closing time wasn't far off. The Negroes called attention to the empty chairs and the table. Eleven applicants in line were counted.

At 3:26, a young Negro in overalls — which have been termed the standard uniform of civil rights workers in the South — asked the registrars if they were familiar with a new state law which said they must remain in session until the Courthouse closed at 4:30. A Board member, now also indignant, closed the door in his face. She said she'd never heard of such a law.

Altogether, the Board of Registrars signed up 29 new voters during the day and turned down five.

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ANNISTON MANIFESTO

The text of the Constitution of the United States of America or the Preamble says: "We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty, to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

This text, or the essence thereof has been on the desk of every school teacher, been recited by almost every student, written into the thesis of many college professors.

This text refers to "We the people." May we make it crystal clear in Anniston, Alabama, "The Model City", it is "We the people." By this we mean Negro people. We are the last hired, the first fired, the one discriminated against and the one of the lowest income bracket. Referring to the text again "to establish justice," how just is justice?

Anniston, our "Model City," with a multi-million dollar business to serve and to share her profits with her fair sons and daughters, for a hundred years has mistreated part of her children. The Negroes, whose blood and strength felled her trees, dug her foundation with their own strength, have enjoyed the least of her blessings. The Negro has been patient but with her patience her dreams have been smashed, her hopes have died. The City Government, whose livelihood began not by the ingenuity but on the strength of Negro blood, sacrifice, sweat and tears.

You said long ago that the Negro needed an education, he needed to clean-up. Even though you shut him out of your schools he sought to qualify himself in schools out of your city and out of our state. Even with the Ph.D., you ignore him, even with skilled labor you give him the lowest positions.

We asked you several times to give us a position on your boards, but you have denied us our request. We have taken your humiliation and abuse without the slightest degree of retaliation. But you have distorted our faith in your word justice. You have betrayed our trust, you have wounded our dignity. Our City Fathers have said that they wanted peace. They did not want demonstrations, they did not want "outside agitators," but at the same time we, the Negroes, are treated as strangers.

What is order? What is peace? We have Negroes capable of being secretaries, clerks, managers, policemen, firemen and filling any other position. Are demonstrations, protests, pickets, etc., the only way the Negro can be integrated into the huge business of our city? Has his labor been in vain? Has his patience been abused? Has the color of his skin made you hate him and discriminate against him? God forbid!

It has been said that "It is better to die in the streets than to die on your knees." We have been on our knees for one hundred years, yea, nearly 350 years. We want equal representation in jobs and accommodations, and we want it now. We want Negroes on our city boards and we want it now. We want the veil of segregation and discrimination lifted and we want it lifted now. We want the Negro employees of our city upgraded and we want it now. We want Negro firemen and we want them now. We want to have the freedom to go to any city park and swimming pool and we want that freedom now.

can't some of our very fine teachers become telephone operators, clerks and cashiers? Why can't some of our college professors become managers? If the telephone company is to serve "We the people," and "We the people" pay the bills and there is to be justice, why is it that the Negro does not share in the jobs and training programs of this ever expanding industry?

The text also states "To insure domestic tranquility." Has the Negro's livelihood been overlooked as domestic?

How just is it for the electric utility company to sell its power to "We the people" and "We the people" pay our bills, and many of these bills are paid by people here in Anniston who earn less than fifteen dollars a week, but these are Negro people. Expansions are made by the profits made by this huge business but when it comes to good jobs that pay well, they are not for the Negro.

The local gas company is another public facility. It serves all the people. "We the people" pay our share but who is he that reads the meters? Who maintains the facilities? Who drives all of the trucks? Who is employed in the various offices? It is not "We the people." Where is justice? Where is domestic tranquility?

Article XIV of the text states: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. We the Negro people in Anniston are citizens of the United States residing in the state of Alabama, why then can't we share in jobs and job opportunities the same as the white citizens?

We take pride in the fact that we are living in the "Land of the free and the home of the brave," but how free and brave is America? One of the basic reasons that the pilgrims left England and came to America was freedom of religion. This rich religious heritage has been handed to us from past generations, but not without tarnish. Ironically, one of the most segregated institutions in America is the Church. It teaches God's love for all men but does not live in its teachings. Negroes have been turned away and asked to leave the House of God in many places across our democratic country. One cannot believe that this is the true Christian religion in action. Even in dominant Negro churches feelings of ambivalence and fear grip the worshippers, hoping that they can peacefully worship without being destroyed with the blast of a bomb.

The Church should represent the total truth of God. A Church that segregates says that God is a lie and He does not love all men, only some men; a church that closes its doors to a group of people because of their race is turning back the clock of destiny to sacrilegious heathenism. It is a perversion of the church's purpose and a distortion of its sacred ideals. This is bigotry and hypocrisy at the most. This is a mockery of God. Why can't all churches of Anniston open their doors to all people? John Oxenham so graphically stated, "In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Amendment XV of the Constitution of the United States says: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of race, color or previous conditions of servitude."

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How long is long enough? Is 100 years long enough to wait? Will we have to wait another year, yea, another 100 years for first class citizenship, for freedom? We want our freedom and we want it now. We want the black sons and daughters of Anniston emancipated and we want them emancipated now.

If you will not plunge into the battle of war against poverty then we have no other alternative than to wage that battle alone. If you must continue to breed pools of poverty among the Negroes of this city by failing to hire the Negro in proportion to whites, and by failing to give social security and insurance against casualties and disabilities, then we have no other alternative than to rise up in protest to the abuses and injustices we have suffered so long. How long is long enough, rather, how long is too long?

We are all of the same blood? We would like to know why it is that in the offices of the professional men of our city, especially the doctors, Negroes are herded up like cattle in a small box like room sweating it out until they are called, and yet the white patients may relax in comfort until they are called. In many instances, Negroes, even with an appointment must wait until all of the white patients have been seen before they can be waited on. Isn't our money the same as the white man's? Can't we be served on an equal basis and not be treated like "seconds"? When one's health and even his life is at stake, can we be shoved aside?

There are approximately 30,000 telephones on this district comprising Anniston, Oxford, Hobson City, Ohatchee, and Eastaboga. According to the population of white and Negro subscribers, the Negro subscribers are about 25% less.

The Negro subscribers pay their bills or else their service is discontinued. New lines are built, new facilities are installed, new jobs are given but not to "We the people." A survey was made a few years ago, and it was noted that here in the state of Alabama there are more Negro school teachers employed in both city and county systems with more degrees, than white. If this is true and the Negro has achieved this, and we are to establish justice, why "We the people" pay our share but who is he that reads the meters? Who maintains the facilities? Who drives all of the trucks? Who is employed in the various offices? It is not "We the people." Where is justice? Where is domestic tranquility?

Article XIV of the text states: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. We the Negro people in Anniston are citizens of the United States residing in the state of Alabama, why then can't we share in jobs and job opportunities the same as the white citizens?

We take pride in the fact that we are living in the "Land of the free and the home of the brave," but how free and brave is America? One of the basic reasons that the pilgrims left England and came to America was freedom of religion. This rich religious heritage has been handed to us from past generations, but not without tarnish. Ironically, one of the most segregated institutions in America is the Church. It teaches God's love for all men but does not live in its teachings. Negroes have been turned away and asked to leave the House of God in many places across our democratic country. One cannot believe that this is the true Christian religion in action. Even in dominant Negro churches feelings of ambivalence and fear grip the worshippers, hoping that they can peacefully worship without being destroyed with the blast of a bomb.

The Church should represent the total truth of God. A Church that segregates says that God is a lie and He does not love all men, only some men; a church that closes its doors to a group of people because of their race is turning back the clock of destiny to sacrilegious heathenism. It is a perversion of the church's purpose and a distortion of its sacred ideals. This is bigotry and hypocrisy at the most. This is a mockery of God. Why can't all churches of Anniston open their doors to all people? John Oxenham so graphically stated, "In Christ there is no East or West, in Him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

Amendment XV of the Constitution of the United States says: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of race, color or previous conditions of servitude."

But here in the Calhoun County Court House the rights of Negroes to register to vote is flagrantly violated.

White people are registered as fast as they present themselves to the Board, while Negroes are restricted to two and sometimes three applicants being processed at one time, even though they are the only persons to be registered. This slow down technique causes Negro applicants to accummulate in a long waiting line. It certainly abridges their constitutional rights to the ballot and is humiliating.

When a Citizen has been taught from Childhood to sing America, My Country, 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty, Of Thee I Sing, And truly it is my Country, America.

Instead of from every Mountain side Let Freedom ring, it is from the Highways of our country we listen to hear shotguns blast our heads from our bodies.High-power rifle bullets wounding us mortally in our backs.

Our children massacred in our churches, from blasts of dynamite, our churches burned in ashes, our Negro ministers beaten with pipes, chains, and stabbed with knives and even men have been castrated, not to let freedom ring, but to keep freedom from ringing.

The Third Stanza of America says in part Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breath partake, Let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

The Negroes of Anniston think it is time for every mortal tongue of the Ministry, Every tongue of the entire Christian World, even the rocks in the mountains should cry That God hath made of one blood, All Nations of Men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth—

If it is My Country, 'tis of thee,
Why can't we share in its benefits,
Our Model City **"And Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: For truth is fallen in the streets; and equity cannot enter." Isa. 59.14.**

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M E M O R A N D U M December 7, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-50 (Special)
(Calhoun County Improvement Assoc.)

Grant		$750.00
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$ 10.08	
Lodging	55.00	
Office Rent	40.00	
Office Supplies	37.09	
Postage	5.45	
Salaries	244.00	
Tel. & Tel.	72.77	
Trav. & Trans.	149.62	
Utilities	41.70	
Refunded to VEP	28.19	
Total		683.90
		$ 66.10*

~~Funds~~ Deposited to Sou. Voter Proj -

Remains on deposit in account of
Southern Voter Project.

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January 11, 1965

Mr. Gordon A. Rodgers, Jr.
Calhoun County Improvement Assn.
P. O. Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-50

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

We sent you a photocopy of the enclosed letter on December 29 requesting a reply. Will you please send it to us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: Photocopy of December 2 letter.

Note: Not answered but transferred to file at WB's instruction on 1/25/65

Photocopy of this letter sent to Rodgers 12/29/64, with the following note:

Would you please send us a reply to this letter immediately. Thank you. WAB.

December 2, 1964

Mr. Gordon A. Rodgers, Jr.
Calhoun County Improvement Assn.
P. O. Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama

RE: VEP 4-50

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Thank you for your letter of recent date, together with your financial accounting of your petty cash fund, and the refund. We mailed your organization two checks in accordance with your Request-for-Payment forms. I am returning your deposit receipt from the Alabama Gas Corporation so that the Anniston Voters League will have no difficulty in receiving the deposit if and when the service is discontinued.

We reimbursed your organization for a rather large amount of long distance telephone calls, and we would like some explanation, for our files, as to the reason for so many long distance calls in connection with your local registration program.

Will you also send us a final report describing your registration program in as much detail as possible, and give us some idea of the results achieved.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encl: Deposit Receipt

September 25, 1964

Mr. Lacy J. Kennedy, Chairman
Lee County Voters League
P. O. Box 225
Marianna, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-51

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 22, 1964, requesting financial assistance for your Lee County voter education drive. This will also confirm you discussion with Mr. Jordan and me of September 20.

We have approved a tentative budget for your project in the amount of $400 in support of your cash registration program which is now underway, and will terminate on October 1, 1964.

I am enclosing a check in the amount of $100 which you may use as a petty cash fund in accordance with the attached instructions, and we will pay any of your legitimate bills (subject to the instructions described) up to $300. A supply of Request for Payment and voucher forms is being sent under separate cover, and you should follow the instructions very carefully.

We welcome you to the VEP program, and if there is anything which you do not understand, then by all means get in touch with us. Mrs. Jane Moore, our Research Assistant, will be writing you separately regarding progress reporting requirements.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encls: 2

PS: Please have the persons who will be authorized to sign Requests for Payment, sign the enclosed card and return to us at once.

LACY J. KENNEDY
President
MRS. WINNIE KENNEDY
Secy.-Tres.

Kennedy Funeral Home

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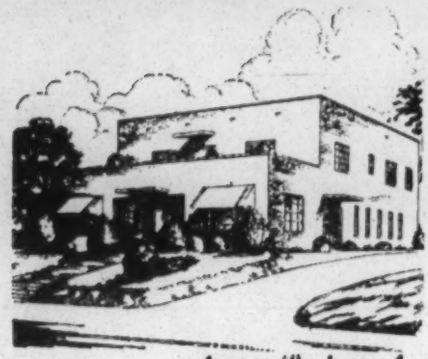

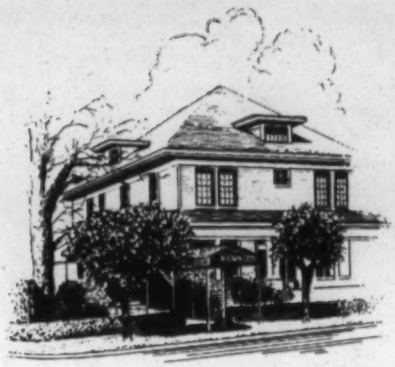

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September 22, 1964

Att. Wiley A. Branton, Project Dr.
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Att. Branton:

This letter comes to ask your immedicate assistance in our voter education drive. We regret the delay in getting this request to you. We were under the assumption that someone else was handling our request for aid from you.

We have been urging all of our potential voters to register. Lee County has a potential Negro voter registration of 5,957 voter registration age. The Negro County population is approximately 60% of 22,000. Our 1963 Negro voter registration was 1400.

The County is broken up into twelve heavily populated townships. It will require at least twenty-five workers to work up our voter registration. We need enough money to pay for at least two days work per person, plus gasoline expense for each worker. We have already spent approximately $200.00 of our own money for letters, stamps labor, etc. Part of this expense has to do with an important school election that is coming up on September 29. This election takes in School District "A" of Marianna, Ark.; which has an approximate Negro voting strength of 650.

We realize that we are late getting this request to you, however, anything you can do to help us in our "Get Out and Vote Efforts" will be appreciated. We are going ahead full speed.

Thanking you in advance for any help or advise that you can give us.

Yours truly,

Lee County Voters League Assoc.

Lacy J. Kennedy

Lacy J. Kennedy, Exec. Chairman

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after the project ends, around October 7th.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

September 28, 1964

Mr. Lacy J. Kennedy, Chairman
Lee County Voters League
P.O. Box 225
Marianna, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-51

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

Due to the short time of your project, only one report will be necessary. I am sending, under separate cover, a reporting form for the statistical report and a suggested outline that should be used as a guide when writing the narrative report. If there are any questions or comments about either of these items, please don't hesitate to write us.

I would like to have these reports about a week after the project ends, around October 7th.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

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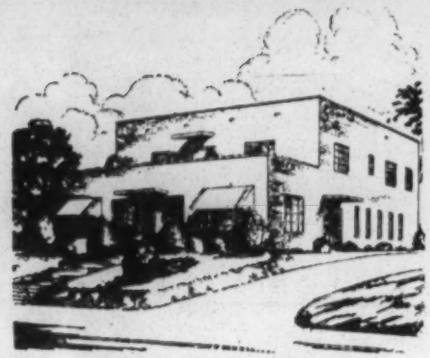

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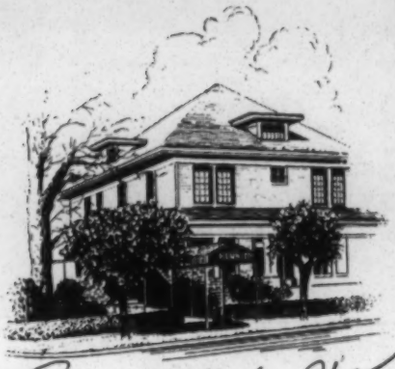

October 7, 1964

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Voter Education Project
Room 206
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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WB
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Attn: Wiley A. Brandon, Project Director

Dear Sir:

Please allow me first to thank you for your grant of $400.00 for our Voter Education program, and acknowledge herewith receipt of your Petty Cash check of $100.00. Your cooperation and efforts are deeply appreciated.

First, let me summarize the conditions here in Lee County, Arkansas:

There are 10,502 people of voting age:
Whites - 4,545; Negroes - 5,957
Total registered in county - 4,226:
Whites - 2,792; Negroes - 1,434
Negro total voting percentage - 56.7%:
Negroes not registered - 33.9%
Negroes registered - 24%
Unregistered people of voting age:
Whites - 1,753; Negroes - 4,523

These figures are all approximate, all prior to Oct. 1, 1964.

It will be several days before we get an accurate report on our Voter's Registration effort from the County Clerk. However, the County Sheriff states, unofficially that Lee County's Registration has increased from 4,545 to over 5,500. I asked him as to what percent he would estimate that the Negroes voting had increased, and he stated that at least 35-40%, which would indicate that in the three days in which we had to work, that our efforts created at least 500 or more new registrants.

VEP 4-51

In School District "A", we ran a Negro on September 29, 1964, for the School Board. This created no end of interest among Negroes and whites. There were four ballot boxes open, and in an election that normally votes approximately 200 people total - a total of 1,938 people turned out to vote. Negroes and whites were standing in line all the way out in the street. There were no arguments; each voter took his turn. In other words, the voting proceedure was "southern" democratic. We had no Negro clerks or counters working in the poll boxes. At one voting place, the clerk placed the box underneath the table, and in another, voters had to pass their ballots to the clerk who placed them in a box behind the table. Marianna School District "A" had 636 registered voters. Of this number, we voted better than 500, which is a good 90%. We took each township and prepared charts with the name and address of each voter. Captains were assigned and arrangements were made for transportation of voters to the polls. We ran at least six cars in Marianna all day, and used farm trucks and other equiptment in the rural areas. Voters were assigned to someone who checked to see if they went to the polls and voted. We found some people who had never voted in their life. We realized we lost some votes through disqualification. One elderly lady cried. Not knowing how to vote, she placed her entire ballot in the box, and was told by the clerk, her vote would not count because she did not tear the stub off the end.

As to our Voter Registration effort, your representative, Mr. Worth Young, did not bring us enough book's the first time. Later he brought more, but they were still not enough for Poll Tax receipt's. We therefore had 1000 printed in a loose-leaf form on September 28, 1964, which we did not receive until 5:00 p.m This gave us only three (3) actual working days. We flooded the county with these by mail and by hand, with instructions to the workers, that if they could not get them in by October 1, 1964, to take them to the nearest Post Office and mail them for a mid-night post-mark.

Please find attached supporting documents for the Petty Cash sent to us; voucher's for money that the

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undersigned has already spent for the Voter's Registration drive by personal check, and request for payment for other expenditures and workers hired.

Again we thank you for your courtesy. I remain,

Yours very truly,

Lacy J. Kennedy

Lacy J. Kennedy

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT REPORT

Name of Project: Lee County Voters League

Period covered by this report: From Sept. 20/64 to Oct. 1/64

Person reporting Lacy J. Kennedy

25 S. Liberty — Marianna — Lee — Arkansas
Street Address — City — County — State

Date submitted: October 7, 1964

Election District, County, Parish or Community to which this report applies: Eleener, Texas, Hampton, Big Creek, Spring Creek, Oak Forrest, Independence, Liberty, Union, Bear Creek, Hardy, Council & part of St. Francis.
Ward, Beat, etc. — Precinct, election district, etc.

Number contacted by door-to-door canvass approx. 2800

Number instructed at home _____

Number instructed at clinics _____

Number instructed other places _____ a. Specify places _____

Number applying for registration as a result of this program this week over 400

Number successfully registered by this project this week over 400

Number denied registration in this project this week none

a. Reason for denial _____

Number contacted by other means _____

a. Specify means _____

Number refusing to participate _____

a. Reason for refusing to participate _____

Number of persons successfully registered since the start over 400

Number of workers in the campaign Approximately 40. Those in some communities took poll tax receipts directly to the sherrif's office.

Remarks

We feel that had we had this project on six months ago, we could have registered over 80% of the elegible voters in Lee County.

TO THE COLLECTOR:
Sherriff S. C. Langston

LEE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Under authority of Act 480 of 1949, I hereby request my 19____ poll tax receipt be mailed to me at the address below. I am enclosing one dollar in payment.

Very truly yours,

Taxpayers Color

W or C_____

Ward or Voting

Precinct _____

Taxpayers Signature _____

Print Taxpayers Name_____

Taxpayers Address _____

Street or Route City

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Received of

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($1.00) One Dollar

For payment of

19____ Poll Tax

Your Poll Tax Receipt will be mailed to you by the County Tax Collector.

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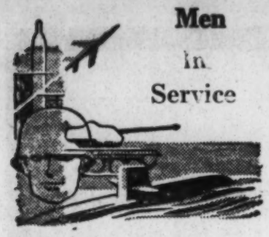
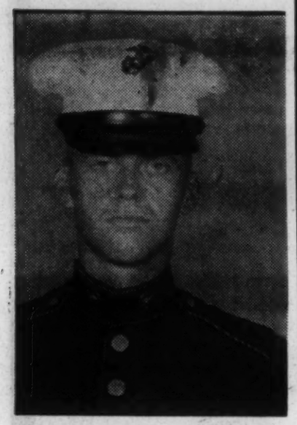
Agent.



Exchange Student Completes Marine Basic Training



Marine Private, Jorgen Gertz, a former exchange student at T. A. Futrall High School from Denmark, recently completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Marine recruits undergo more than 100 hours of physical conditioning, spend more than 80 hours learning how to drill, and devote three weeks to rifle and pistol marksmanship in their 11-week training program.

Their minutely planned curriculum includes over 80 hours in the classroom absorbing several military subjects ranging from first aid to the history of the Marine Corps.

Several hours are devoted to spiritual and character-building courses.

Following graduation, the new Marine reported to Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, near Oceanside, Calif., for advanced infantry training.

While attending T. A. Futrall High School, Gertz made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hayes.

Airman Robert Baxter Completes Basic

cording to S/Sgt Robert Spencer, local Army recruiter.

A 1964 graduate of Marvell High School, she left immediately after enlistment for Fort McClellan, Alabama, and basic training.

After completion of this training, she will attend the Army Pay Specialist School at Fort Benjamin, Harrison, Indiana.

Lt. Brown Plummer Serving On Carrier

Navy Lt. Lynn Brown Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Plummer of 241 Pearl St., is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Oriskany.

Oriskany will depart the Puget Sound Naval Shipyadr at Bremerton, Wash., at the end of August to return to her homeport of San Diego, Calif., following a four-month overhaul at the shipyard.

Upon returning to San Diego, Oriskany will operate off the coast of Southern California conducting carrier qualifications for aircraft squadrons based at West Coast Naval air stations.

Porkeys Go To

(Continued from Page 1)

for the Porcupines this year.

In the Marianna Line Billy

SAY WHEN . . .

Can you "say when" this picture was made? We'll tell you next week and identify as many of those pictured as possible.

In and Around Aubrey

By Sarah Thomason — Phone: CY 4-3574

Lion's Club Entertains Guests

At their regular dinner meeting Wednesday night, September 9, the Aubrey Lion's Club, with Paul Caruth, president, presiding, entertained Jim Graddy of Marianna, representative of the Farmer's Home Administration in Lee County and David C. Neal of West Memphis, area supervisor of the Farmer's Home Administration. These guests spoke to the club on the possibility of a community water system for Aubrey through the help of the F. H. A. A committee was appointed and is now making a survey of the community to determine the number of interested citizens. Twelve men were present for the meeting.

Aubrey Freshman Class Announces Halloween Candidates

Wednesday, the freshman class of Aubrey Junior High School elected their candidates for Halloween Carnival royalty.

Nominee for the Queen of Carnival is Peggy Blair, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Blair of Aubrey. She attended

and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Williams

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Clintie Bryant spent Sunday with the Douglas Bryant family in Marion.

J. W. Harden, Jr., Billy Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Jackson left Monday to resume their studies at Arkansas State College at Jonesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jennings returned Saturday from a fifteen day Western trip. They visited two of their daughters, Mrs. Alice Smith and Mrs. Kenneth Wyatt, Mr. Wyatt and family in Phoenix, Arizona.

O. J. Brown, Jr., left Wednesday to begin his third year at Ole Miss at Oxford.

Mrs. Clara Caruth spent the weekend with Mrs. A. C. Stiles in Brickeys.

Mrs. Homer Thomson returned Saturday from nine days stay with her sister, Mrs. Robert Bradley of Marianna, while she was a patient in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Mrs. R. V. Reynolds entered the Baptist Hospital in Memphis Monday for tests.

Meeting Of Oil Dealers Scheduled

A meeting of oil dealers in Lee County will be held at Barker's Cafe in Marianna Wednesday morning (September 23) at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of reorganizing and reactivating the Lee County Petroleum Council. An election of officers will be held at the meeting.

Jack Shelton, executive secretary of the Arkansas Petroleum Council, Little Rock, and Herschell Parent, director of public relations, will conduct the meeting.

LaGrange News

by Betty Lynn

CY 4-3554

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Burns and family from Indiana have been here this week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Burns and Mr. and Mrs Carrol Brown.

Friends and neighbors of Mrs. Madge Elphingstone surprised her with dessert and coffee Sunday evening in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patterson moved from La Grange last week to make their home near Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burns and two daughters have been visitors of Mr. and Mrs. William Burns.

Mr. McKague is on the sick list this week. He was taken to the Helena Hospital on Tuesday.

Gene and Jerry Elphingstone left Sunday to attend Arkansas State in Jonesboro.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Aubrey Elphingstone Sunday were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Elphingstone of Forrest City, Miss Madge Elphingstone of Pine Bluff, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Elphingstone and son from West Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lynn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton were in Marvell Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McCarty.

Lee Memorial HOSPITAL Admissions

White

James Miller, Marianna
Warren Miller, Marianna
Mrs. A. B. Crossland, Marianna

Colored

Ida Roberts, Moro
James Coursey, Marianna
Wilhemenia Hill, Palestine
Cora Brown, Marianna

Births — White

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hardin, a son
Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Crossland, a son

Colored News

Mt. Calvary Church

There was a great revival held at the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church beginning Aug. 23 thru Aug. 28 and the Lord blessed the church with 23 happy converts. Rev. H. Adams is our pastor. He employed Rev. Henry for the speaker through the revival. He is a wonderful revivalist, and the members and friends responded nicely to the support of the revival and on the first Sunday in September, the faithful leaders and members of the church gave a nice contribution to our pastor to go to the National Baptist Convenion which was held in Detroit Michigan Sept. 8-13.

The Baptizing was held last Sunday by our pastor. It was a great service.

Bro. Pinkie Johnigan
Church Clerk

Newsome School News

W. L. Wilson, principal

For the past (4) four years, the Newsome Elementary School has been participating in the **Bundle Day Drive** by collecting clothes for the needy children in the Tennessee Valley and other locations. Many clothes were collected this year by the school children and patrons of the community.

A few are here listed that we wish to thank publicly, and who are outside of the school-room. They are as follows: the James Smiths'; the Tom Jones' the C. H. Robinsons', the O. D. Owens', Veola Johnson and many others. Many school children gave clothes, shoes, hats whose name we shall not mention for a lack of space in the paper.

We are now facing another year of clothes collection for needy children. We have already received literature to that effect. Anyone who is willing to help the needy is invited to join our campaign. Thank you.

Irma L. Jones
Reporter

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TOY
SALE
Turner Drug

Dear Voting Citizen:

I am a candidate for Position no. 4 of the School Board of Education of School District "A" of Lee County, Arkansas. This election will be held SEPTEMBER 29, 1964, between the hours of 8 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. Voting polls will be CITY HALL (MARIANNA), LIBERTO STORE (HOLUBS CROSSING), LA GRANGE, AND RONDO.

I AM ASKING YOUR SUPPORT — "YOUR VOTE", BECAUSE I BELIEVE —

As Americans we should devote some time to service to the community in a public OFFICE.

I feel that as a life long citizen of Lee County, I should give of myself, by sharing in the responsibilities of Community Life.

I urge you to go to the polls and vote for continuation and increase of mills to support our educational system in Lee County. Only through adequate money can we have the best school system possible.

YOU ARE URGED TO SHOW YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR SCHOOL SYSTEM BY GOING TO THE POLLS AND VOTE.

FOR BETTER COMMUNITY LIVING, THROUGH EDUCATION, I AM

YOURS TRULY

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Marine Private, Jorgen Gertz, a former exchange student at T. A. Futrall High School from Denmark, recently completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Marine recruits undergo more than 100 hours of physical conditioning, spend more than 80 hours learning how to drill, and devote three weeks to rifle and pistol marksmanship in their 11-week training program.

Their minutely planned curriculum includes over 80 hours in the classroom absorbing several military subjects ranging from first aid to the history of the Marine Corps.

Several hours are devoted to spiritual and character-building courses.

Following graduation, the new Marine reported to Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, near Oceanside, Calif., for advanced infantry training.

While attending T. A. Futrall High School, Gertz made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hayes.

Airman Robert Baxter Completes Basic

Airman Robert L. Baxter, son of Robert L. Baxter of Rt. 1, has completed the first phase of his Air Force basic military training at Lackland AFB, Tex.

Airman Baxter has been selected for technical training as an aircraft maintenance specialist at the Air Training Command (ATC) school at Amarillo AFB, Tex. His new unit is part of the vast ATC system which trains airmen and officers in the diverse skills required by the nation's aerospace force.

The airman is a 1964 graduate of T. A. Futrall High School.

Sharon Jelks Joins Women's Army Corps

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Sharon Kay Jelks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Jelks, 105 South Clark Street, recently enlisted in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) according to S/Sgt Robert Spencer, local Army recruiter.

A 1964 graduate of Marvell High School, she left immediately after enlistment for Fort McClellan, Alabama, and basic training.

After completion of this training, she will attend the Army Pay Specialist School at Fort Benjamin, Harrison, Indiana.

Lt. Brown Plummer Serving On Carrier

Navy Lt. Lynn Brown Plummer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Plummer of 241 Pearl St., is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Oriskany.

Oriskany will depart the Puget Sound Naval Shipyadr at Bremerton, Wash., at the end of August to return to her homeport of San Diego, Calif., following a four-month overhaul at the shipyard.

Upon returning to San Diego, Oriskany will operate off the coast of Southern California conducting carrier qualifications for aircraft squadrons based at West Coast Naval air stations.

Porkeys Go To

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for the Porcupines this year.

In the Marianna Line Billy Strode has been moved to tackle and will start on offense and John Lowe has moved to center. Ronnie McArthur and Buddy Suitt will both see some action at end.

The starting line up, offensively will see Harry Singer and Jim Wood at end; Strode and Billy Stoecker at tackle; Terry Bates and Billy Berry at guard; Lowe at center; James Doyel at quarterback; McArthur and James Oxner at halfbacks and Kenny Kilcrease or Coleman Kelly at fullback. On defense Hayes Traylor, Buddy Moore, Jimmy Chandler, Dwight Oxner, Wesley Harvey and Suitt will see action.

The Marianna band will make the trip to Clarendon and will perform at halftime.

Razorback Club To Run Chartered Bus

The Lee County Razorback Club will sponsor a chartered bus to all Little Rock football games of the University of Arkansas.

Tom Gist, Sr. said today that the bus to the Arkansas Oklahoma State game this Saturday has already been filled. A bus is planned for both the Wichita and Baylor games and neither of these have been filled.

A charge of $5.50 per seat is made and anyone interested in the Wichita or Baylor game should contact Mr. Gist or Max Daggett.

In and Around Aubrey

By Sarah Thomason — Phone: CY 4-3574

Lion's Club Entertains Guests

At their regular dinner meeting Wednesday night, September 9, the Aubrey Lion's Club, with Paul Caruth, president, presiding, entertained Jim Graddy of Marianna, representative of the Farmer's Home Administration in Lee County and David C. Neal of West Memphis, area supervisor of the Farmer's Home Administration. These guests spoke to the club on the possibility of a community water system for Aubrey through the help of the F. H. A. A committee was appointed and is now making a survey of the community to determine the number of interested citizens. Twelve men were present for the meeting.

Aubrey Freshman Class Announces Halloween Candidates

Wednesday, the freshman class of Aubrey Junior High School elected their candidates for Halloween Carnival royalty.

Nominee for the Queen of Carnival is Peggy Blair, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Blair of Aubrey. She attended school at Barton in the first grade but has attended at Aubrey the other eight years.

The candidate of the freshman class for the King of Carnival is Jimmy Harris, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nesbitt of Aubrey. Jimmy is active in school sports. He moved here with his parents last November. He has attended schools in Puerto Rica, California and Little Rock.

Locals

Recent guests of Mrs. T. C. Gibson were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bowers and Terri Lee of Omaha, Nebraska. While here, they all spent four days at Cherokee Village. Thursday, Sept. 10 Mrs. Gibson honored her granddaughter, Terri Lee on her third birthday with a family dinner.

Marilyn Stahly and her father, Paul Stahly of Hickory Ridge were guests of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hutto, Laura and Allen Sunday.

Mrs. John Kerr and O. D. Brown, Jr. were Memphis visitors Friday. While there, L. N. Barnett, Mrs. Kerr's father and Mr. Brown's grandfather became seriously ill and was taken to the Baptist Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Brown were summoned and they all remained at Mr. Barnett's bedside until he passed away at 1:20 p.m. Sunday.

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J. W. Harden, Jr., Billy Benson and Mr. and Mrs. Travis Jackson left Monday to resume their studies at Arkansas State College at Jonesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jennings returned Saturday from a fifteen day Western trip. They visited two of their daughters, Mrs. Alice Smith and Mrs. Kenneth Wyatt, Mr. Wyatt and family in Phoenix, Arizona.

O. J. Brown, Jr., left Wednesday to begin his third year at Ole Miss at Oxford.

Mrs. Clara Caruth spent the weekend with Mrs. A. C. Stiles in Brickeys.

Mrs. Homer Thomson returned Saturday from nine days stay with her sister, Mrs. Robert Bradley of Marianna, while she was a patient in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis.

Mrs. R. V. Reynolds entered the Baptist Hospital in Memphis Monday for tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bryant, Judy and Kay, and Nila Holland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith in Clarendon.

Thursday and Friday Mrs. T. L. Whiteside had as her guest her sister, Mrs. Nannie Bell of Monroe, La., Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Thomson were hosts to his nephew, Overton Wilkerson and Mrs. Wilkerson of Monroe, La.

Here to attend funeral services for L. N. Barnett Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church were Mrs. Frances Chandler of Hughes, Mrs. Frank Wilkes of West Helena, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whited of Crawfordsville, Harvey Freeland of Gill, J. C. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Newbern of Memphis and Henry Boyer, Jr. of Oak Forrest.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Nesbitt went to Memphis Tuesday. Mrs. Nesbitt entered the Baptist Hospital to undergo surgery Wednesday. Mr. Nesbitt is a guest of his daughter, Mrs. Eugene McClanahan, Mr. McClanahan and Emilie Gene. Mrs. L. C. St. John and Mrs. Holland were in Memphis Wednesday for the operation.

her with dessert and coffee Sunday evening in honor of her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Patterson moved from La Grange last week to make their home near Moro.

Mr. and Mrs. James Burns and two daughters have been visitors of Mr. and Mrs. William Burns.

Mr. McKague is on the sick list this week. He was taken to the Helena Hospital on Tuesday.

Gene and Jerry Elphingstone left Sunday to attend Arkansas State in Jonesboro.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. Aubrey Elphingstone Sunday were her children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Elphingstone of Forrest City, Miss Madge Elphingstone of Pine Bluff, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Elphingstone and son from West Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lynn and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamilton were in Marvell Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Tommy McCarty.

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Larry Barnes, Palestine
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Mrs. Fred Hardin, Marianna
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I am a candidate for Position no. 4 of the School Board of Education of School District "A" of Lee County, Arkansas. This election will be held SEPTEMBER 29, 1964, between the hours of 8 A. M. to 6:30 P. M. Voting polls will be CITY HALL (MARIANNA), LIBERTO STORE (HOLUBS CROSSING), LA GRANGE, AND RONDO.

I AM ASKING YOUR SUPPORT — "YOUR VOTE", BECAUSE I BELIEVE —

As Americans we should devote some time to service to the community in a public OFFICE.

I feel that as a life long citizen of Lee County, I should give of myself, by sharing in the responsibilities of Community Life.

I urge you to go to the polls and vote for continuation and increase of mills to support our educational system in Lee County. Only through adequate money can we have the best school system possible.

YOU ARE URGED TO SHOW YOUR INTEREST IN YOUR SCHOOL SYSTEM BY GOING TO THE POLLS AND VOTE.

FOR BETTER COMMUNITY LIVING, THROUGH EDUCATION, I AM

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LACY J. KENNEDY

YOUR VOTE FOR ME WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

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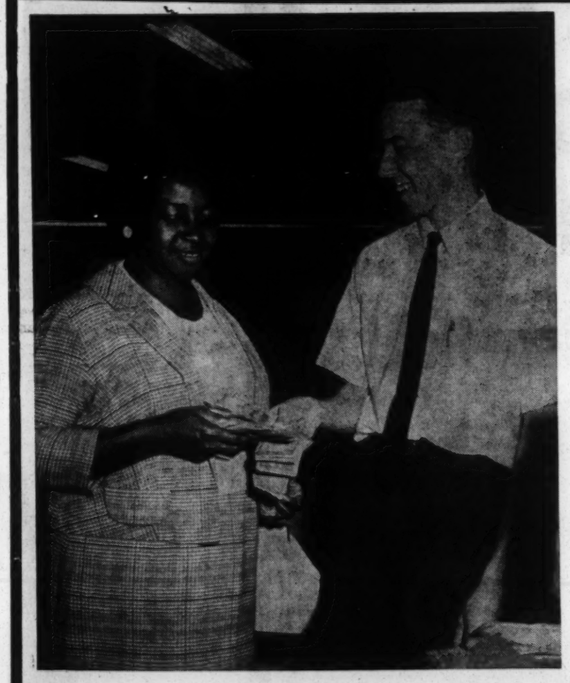

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Allow me to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the fine support given in **OUR SCHOOL ELECTION ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1964.**

The spirit and cooperation was most commendable. Out of a possible 600 prospective votes in School District A, belonging to this organizaton, our voting strength of 90% participation is a record to be appreciated.

Allow me to again thank you personally, and on behalf of our fine organization, I am

Yours truly,
Lee County Voters League
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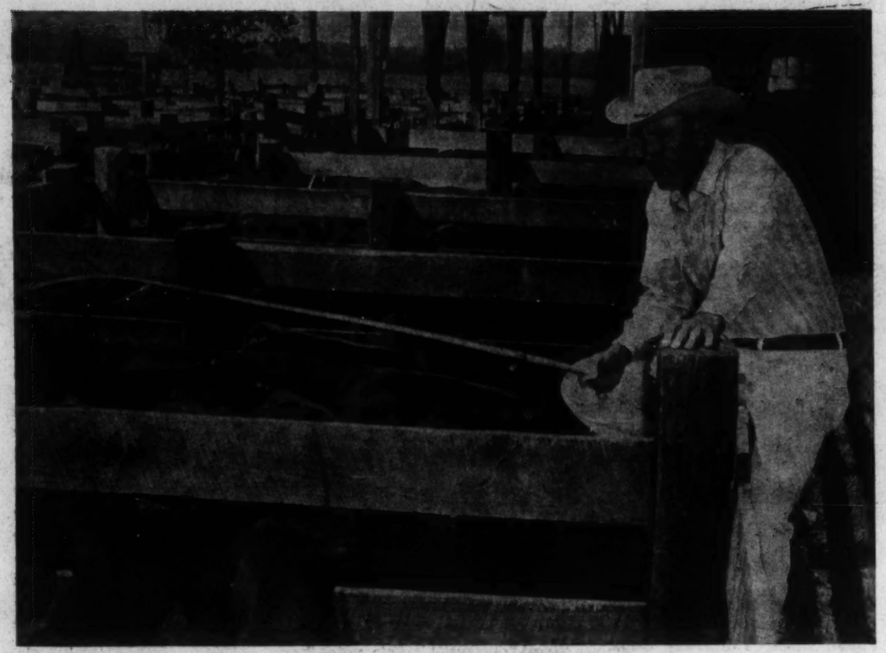

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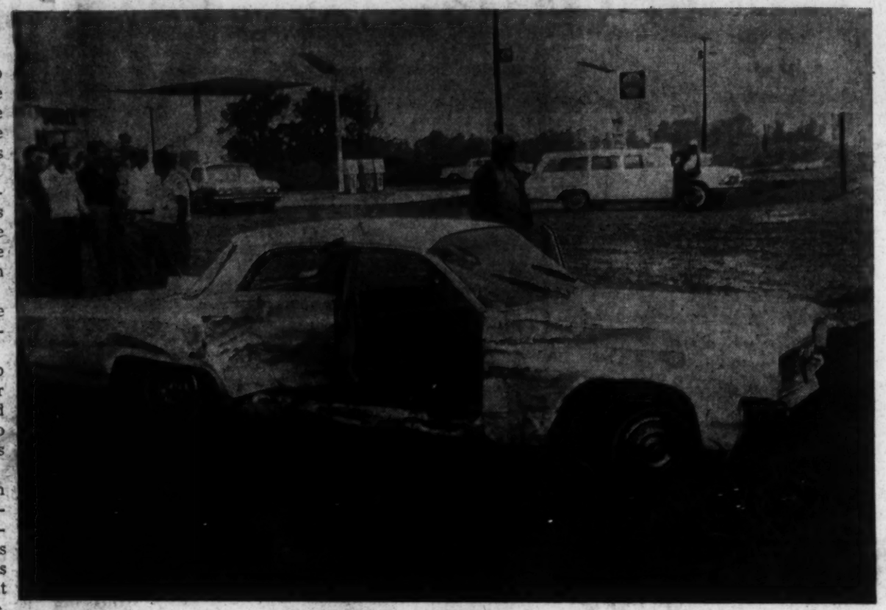

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Annette Boles, 16, is in serious condition in a Memphis Hospital where she was rushed after examination in Lee Memorial. Also injured were Judy Evans, 16, Linda Nichols, 16, Sandra Jonhson, 15, and Mrs. Bo Ligon, who are being treated in Lee Memorial.

Police Chief Jack Kelly said Miss Evans is suffering from a back injury and possible internal injuries. Miss Nichols and Miss Johnson are suffering from cuts and abrasions, but their conditions are not serious he said. Mrs. Ligon is suffering from shock, facial cuts and loss of several teeth.

Chief Kelly said the accident occured when a 1963 Oldsmobile driven by Miss Evans attempted to turn into the driveway of the Dairy Bar. Misses Boles, Johnson and Nichols were passengers in the car which was traveling west. The car was struck by a 1962 GMC pickup truck traveling east and driven by Mrs. Ligon.

He said witnesses said a big truck was in front of the Oldsmobile when it turned across the highway. Mrs. Ligon said she did not see the car until it was broadside across the highway in front of her, Chief Kelly said.

No charges have been filed pending further investigation, he said.

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EALA Livestock Specialist Jim Wood said this sale far exceeds the number of cattle sold in any Arkansas sale of this kind. He expressed his appreciation to all those who helped make the sale such a success.

Mr. Gentis Is Buried Here Fri.

Funeral services for Arthur Gentis, 69, were held at the graveside in Whitehall Cemetery at four o'clock Friday afternoon, with Rev. Harold O. Whitwell officiating.

Mr. Gentis, a lifelog resident of Lee County, died Wednesat the Veteran's Hospital in Little Rock.

He was a retired farmer and a veteran of World War I. He was a member of the American Legion Post at Marvell and a member of the Christian Church.

Mr. Gentis leaves his wife, Mrs. Millie Gentis; two sons, Homer Gentis of Pine Bluff and Howard Gentis of Houston, Texas; a stepson, Leland King of Arizona; four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Dailey of Little Rock, Mrs. Juanita Van Looy of Mass., Mrs. Estelle Dyess of Dallas, Texas and Mrs. Lela Cesena of Arizona; a brother, Isaac Gentis of Oklahoma; one sister, Mary Forrest of California and twenty-four grandchildren.

Hodge Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WEATHER

	High	Low	5 p.m.	at pitation
Thurs.	94	62	88	.00
Fri.	88	65	75	.00
Sat.	79	57	74	.00
Sun.	78	51	70	.00
Mon.	84	45	76	.00
Tues.	87	51	81	.00
Wed.	83	65	79	.00

Precipitation to date this month, none. Normal for Sept. 2.89 inches.

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Pallbearers were Paul Benham, Jr., Cliff Harrington, Jr., Dan Felton, Jr., Henry Smith, M. C. Cooke, James Yancey, Paul Morgan, Jr. and Jimason J Daggett.

Spaine Furniture Store Is Sold

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Weeks of Parkin have purchased Spaine Furniture Company in Marianna from E. M. Spaine, it was announced this week. The sale include the merchandise, fixtures and building.

The name of the store will be changed to Weeks Furniture Company. Mr. Weeks has been associated for a number of years with Briggs Furniture Company in West Memphis. They have a teen age daughter.

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Funeral was held Tuesday at 2:30 in the Aubrey Methodist Church. Rev. Jim Robnolt of West Memphis, former pastor of the Aubrey Church, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. Joseph Hutto and Rev. D. Hoyle Hair.

Burial was in Cedar Heights Cemetery with Citizens Funeral Home of West Memphis in charge. Pallbearers were J. C. Boyer of Memphis, Henry Smith, Marvin Thomason, D. W. Holland, W. F. Curtis, S. C. Langston, Jr., H. C. Mixon, Jr. and Paul Caruth.

The first bath house in Hot Springs was built in 1830.

GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR

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The Council solicits funds each fall to carry out its program for girl scouts in this area. Funds are used to provide training for volunteer leaders, to maintain Camp Ta Lo Ha near Pine Bluff, to provide equipment which may be borrowed by scout troops from the council, and to otherwise facilitate the program of girl scouting.

There are more than 100 Girl Scouts in Marianna. This year there will be six troops. The Scouts meet each Tuesday afternoon at various meeting places throughout town.

Mrs. Lon Mann, neighborhood chairman, announces that a meeting of the neighborhood council will be held September 22 at 2 p. m. in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church to make plans for the year. Anyone who is interested in serving as a troop leader or assistant is cordially invited to attend. Several additional leaders are needed this year, Mrs. Mann said.

A nursery for small children will be provided during the meeting, according to the chairman.

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The annual Christmas Parade was approved by the board and the date set. The parade will be Thursday, December 3 in Marianna.

The board also established the week of October 18 as Industrial Appreciation Week in Marianna. This week of special activity is sponsored in conjunction with a statewide program of recognizing industry and its importance to the stae of Arkansas.

In the same discussion, the board voted to recommend to the Merchants Committee that Labor Day be made a city-wide holiday in 1965.

Race Set For Local School Board Post

Lacy Kennedy will oppose O'Neal Marlowe for position number 4 on the Marianna School Board in the annual election on September 29. He filed last week, but did not state whether he would seek position number 4 or 5.

Position 5 is being sought by W. H. Gerrard. It is presently held by Dan Felton, who did not file for re-election.

Movell Chaney, negro, who had filed for the Aubrey School Board, withdrew his petition this week. He filed his request to withdraw Wednesday in the office of the county clerk.

Sister Of Doctor McLendon Dies

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A replacement has not been named for Mr. Branan at this time.

Father Of Beth Hall Dies At Mayflower

Ivan R. Hall, 57, of Mayflower (Faulkner County) died Tuesday. He was the father of Beth Hall of Marianna and a brother-in-law of Mrs. J. C. Cooper.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Katherine Fisnel Hall; three daughters, Mrs. Joyce Howell of Lonoke, Mrs. Bill Fields of Detroit and Mrs. Ivern Edwards of New Mexico; a stepson, Carlsyle Phillips of South Carolina; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Linda Bigham of Oregon; two brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were Thursday with Doolin Funeral Service in charge.

cuts and abrasions, but their conditions are not serious he said. Mrs. Ligon is suffering from shock, facial cuts and loss of several teeth.

Chief Kelly said the accident occured when a 1963 Oldsmobile driven by Miss Evans attempted to turn into the driveway of the Dairy Bar. Misses Boles, Johnson and Nichols were passengers in the car which was traveling west. The car was struck by a 1962 GMC pickup truck traveling east and driven by Mrs. Ligon.

He said witnesses said a big truck was in front of the Oldsmobile when it turned across the highway. Mrs. Ligon said she did not see the car until it was broadside across the highway in front of her, Chief Kelly said.

No charges have been filed pending further investigation, he said.

Scout Drive Is Planned Here

Ben Brown has been named chairman of the Eastern Arkansas Council Boy Scout fund drive in Marianna. The Rotary Club is spearheading the drive with members of the organization doing the soliciting of funds.

No goal has been set for the local drive but the Council budget for the year has been set at $79,000. There are more than 5,000 boy scouts in the 15 county area which make up the Eastern Arkansas Council.

Bobby Burke is Scoutmaster for Marianna and Rev. W. A. Stewart is Cub Scout Master. Bill Frey is institutional representative from the Rotary Club, which sponsors Boy Scouting in Marianna.

Mr. Brown is head of the Marianna Water Department. He is a member of the Rotary Club and of St. Andrews Episcopal Church.

The "Pin" Indians of western Arkansas and the Oklahoma Territory, were so called because of the two ordinary pins they wore on the lapels of their coats or shirts to indicate they were Cherokees who sympathized with the federal forces.

Lee County Communities Study Plan For Joint Water System

A movement is underway in three Lee county communities to establish a community water supply. Rural communities together with neighboring farmers may now obtain loans from the Farmers Home Administration to develop the water resources they need, according to Jim Graddy, the agency's local supervisor.

Interest in this type project has been expressed in at least three communities. The program has been explained in Aubrey and LaGrange. The Lions Club at Aubrey and a group of interested citizens at LaGrange have indicated they will study the possibility of a community water system. At Moro, the idea has gone much further. The Moro City Council has employed an engineer and plans for a municipal water system have been drawn.

Recent legislation has broadened this credit aid. Individual farmers and rural residents with water problems can team up to obtain a loan for securing a good water supply and distributing the water to their farms and homes.

"The construction of modern water supply systems makes rural communities more attractive, encourages the growth of rural industries and aids in rural areas development," Mr. Graddy said.

Mr. Jim Graddy said 416 of Arkansas' rural communities over 100 population do not have water systems.

An association loan for water development or soil conservation purposes may be made for as much as $1,000,000 if the funds are supplied by a private lender and insured by the Farmers Home Administration, or up to $500,000 if made from direct funds appropriated by the Congress, Mr. Graddy said.

The interest rate on a direct loan is 4½ percent. The interest rate on insured loans varies but may not exceed 5 percent. Loans are scheduled for repayment over periods up to 40 years.

Water development and soil conservation loans may be used to finance water supply reservoirs, rural water supply distribution systems, pumps pumping plants, pipelines and other facilities necessary for an adequate water system.

Associations applying for loans obtain and pay for the technical help they need, but Farmers Home Administration engineers will see that proposed improvements are sound and that cost estimates and plans are complete. After a loan is made, the agency periodically inspects progress to see that funds are used as agreed upon and that construction meets approved standards.

An organization desiring to obtain an association loan or individuals interested in forming an association for the purpose of obtaining a loan may contact County Supervisor, Jim D. Graddy.

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Tax Increase Passes By Big Margin; Contract For New Building Let Today

PRODUCE WINNING ANNUAL

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Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ju are the new owners of the Walnut Courts located on Highway 1, north. The Julians purchased the business from William Stalmaker, who has owned and operated the motel since it's construction.

Mr. Julian will continue to operate his welding shop on Chestnut Street. Plans of the former owner are indefinate at this time.

Goldwater Campaign Opens In County

Ben Perkins was elected chairman of the Lee County Citizens for Goldwater movement at a meeting of the group Monday night in the Community House. Serving with him as secretary-treasurer will be Jack Miller.

R. B. Snowden of Hughes was the speaker for the meeting Monday night. Plans are being made by the group to set up committees to work for Goldwater's election and to raise funds for his campaign.

Mrs. Thomas' Father Died Tues. In Texas

A. D. Crick, faher of Mrs. Paul Ray Thomas of Marianna, died Tuesday morning in a Kerrville, Texas hospital, following major surgery last week. He was 61.

Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Rossell Crick of Kerrville, two sons, Richard Roe Crick and Gaylord Gene Crick of Kerrville; one brother; four sisters; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were conducted Thursday in Kerrville.

WEATHER

	High	Low	5 p.m.	at pita. tion
Thurs.	80	53	70	.00
Fri.	79	50	73	.00
Sat.	83	60	76	.00
Sun.	76	56	56	1.49
Mon.	58	51	57	2.18
Tues.	66	57	65	.00
Wed.	77	55	72	.00

Precipitation for Sept. was 5.34 inches, which is 2.45 inches above normal.

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The Quills gathered 265 yards rushing to the Cubs 12. The Quills gained 10 first downs to no first downs for Clarendon. Marianna completed 1 pass for 6 yards. Clarendon completed 2 passes for 7 yards. Joe Wood punted 4 times for an average of 36 yards. The Quills were penalized 60 yards to Clarendon's 20. Clarendon did not penetrate the Marianna 20 yard line.

In their three games the Quills have given up only 95 yards on the ground and 17 in the air. The Quills offense has averaged over two hundred yards a game.

W. A. Pyron Dies At Home In Jackson

W. A. Pyron, a barber in Marianna for many years, died at his home in Jackson, Tennessee Wednesday at the age of 88.

Mr. Pyron, a native of Tennessee, made his home in Marianna from 1913 until 1957. He was a member of the Christian Church.

He is survived by his wife, Doll Pyron, and one brother, Ike Pyron of Jackson.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 today (Thursday), from the Chapel at Smith Funeral Home in Jackson. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

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A native of Little Rock, Mrs. Dodson was a member of Conway Methodist Church, the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the order of the Eastern Star. She had made her home in Conway for the past 20 years.

Mrs. Dodson is survived by four sons, F. M. Dodson of Centralia, Missouri, Eugene Dodson of Searcy, Rev. Edwin B. Dodson, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Benton, and Frank E. Dodson of Little Rock; a daughter, Mrs. Clyde A. Paulk of Conway; a brother, James Bland of Little Rock, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Searcy by McNutt Funeral Service.

Band Parents To Have Meeting Tues.

The Marianna Band Parents will meet at the band room Tuesday evening, October 6. The meeting will begin at 7:30, according to the president, W. T. Webster.

Included in the business for the meeting, will be the election of officers for the coming year.

All members are urged to be present.

Bennett Ruling Answers GOP Election Commission Charge

Attorney General Bruce Bennett has ruled that Dan Felton, along with 29 other county election commissioners in Arkansas, is legally qualified to serve in that capacity.

G. Thomas Eisele, manager of Republican Win Rockefeller's campaign for governor, had charged Saturday that a number of election commissoners are serving in violation of a law prohibiting persons who hold any federal, state, county or local elective or appointive office from serving as an election officer. Mr. Felton was appointed by Governor Faubus to serve on the Commission on Co-ordination of Higher Educational Finance. He had also served as a member of the Marianna School Board but resigned that post early in September.

Bennett, acting on a request for a ruling from Governor Faubus, said that election commissioners are "public officers" and not "election officers". He said that the election commissioners have nothing to do with the actual conduct of an election as opposed to the work of judges and clerks.

Mr. Felton serves on the commission by virtue of his office as chairman of the Democratic Central Committee. He is chairman of the election commission. He said today that his own attorney agreed with Bennett's opinion.

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Contracts Awarded To Two Firms

Contracts were let today for the half million dollar building program approved by the voters in the Marianna school election Tuesday. The bids were accepted at a meeting held at two o'clock in the Little Theater in the High School.

The England Construction Company was awarded the contract for the elementary school which will be built on Walnut Street. Their low bid was for $379,184. This company built the music and science additions at Futrall High School several years ago.

The additions at Strong School will be built by Central Construction Company of Fordyce, who were awarded the contract on a low bid of $158,687.

Both contracts call for completion of the buildings prior to September 1, 1965. Work is expected to begin in the very near future.

"We are very pleased with the bids and feel that we will be able to pay the architects fees, and equip the buildings satisfactorily with the money made available by the bond issue voted this week," A. L. Whitten, superintendent of schools, said.

The new elementary school will contain 25 classrooms, a special education room, a library, a music room, a kitchen, a large cafetorium and administrative offices. It will contain a total of 44,000 square feet of floor space, and will be air conditioned throughout.

The Strong additions will include 8 classrooms and restrooms added to the east end of Strong elementary school. A large stage, band room and dressing rooms will be added to the west end of the gymnasium at the high school.

Jaycees To Sponsor Circus Here Tues.

Birnam Bros. 3-ring circus will give two performances in Marianna Tuesday. The circus is being sponsored in Marianna by the Lee County Jaycees, with Ray Payne and James McCarty serving as co-chairmen.

The circus tent will be pitched on the old Pony League Field west of the football field. Show times are 6 and 8 p. m.

Advance tickets to the circus are on sale from all members of the Jaycees. Ticket prices are 75c.

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Jimmy VanDover

VanDover Will Head Fund Drive

James Van Dover has been named Lee County Chapter Campaign Director for the 1965 March of Dimes. His appointment was announced by Jack Gentry, chairman of the Lee County chapter.

Mr. Van Dover will direct volunteers throughout the county during the January campaign to raise funds to support the voluntary health organization's attack on birth defects through a nationwide scientific research program, a network of 50 March of Dimes treatment centers, as well as a comprehensive public and professional information program.

The campaign director is an attorney with Daggett and Daggett. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas where he was a varsity football letterman, and has served in the U. S. Army for two years.

"I am confident that the people of our county will support the search for possible preventives against birth defects, just as they supported the search for preventives against polio," Mr. Van Dover said. "We have every reason to hope that the results of the birth defects effort will be comparable to the distinguished record against polio," he added.

Marianna Host To Wynne Fri. For Non-Conference Game

A crippled Marianna squad will face its third AA team Friday night. The Porcupines are host to the Wynne Yellowjackets.

Coach Voris Johnson will be missing four of his first line players at kick-off time. Buddy Suitt is still suffering from a knee injury that kept him out of action against Helena. Suitt is a first string defensive halfback. Three linemen are out of action. Billy Stoecker, Billy Berry and Terry Bates all three have hurt legs and will miss the Wynne game.

In addition, three youngsters, John Lowe, Hayes Traylor and Ronnie McArthur, are hampered by minor injuries.

Wynne does not have an impressive record but they have been tough in all four of their ball games and nobody has embarassed them. The Yellowjackets have defeated Brinkley while losing to DeWitt, Newport and Parkin.

"They will not be as big as they were last year," Johnson said, "but they are still big and they have a highly effective passing game".

The injuries have made a number of changes necessary in the Marianna line-up. Johnson will move Ronnie McArthur to end along with Jim Wood. Wesley Harvey will start at tackle along with John Lowe. The Porkeys will open with two new guards. Harry Singer has moved from end to start at one guard post and either Dwight Oxner or John Keown will open at the other spot. Buddy Moore will open at center. The starting backfield will include James Doyel, Jimmy Oxner, Johnny Spence and either Kenny Kilcrease or Coleman Kelly.

Bill Strode, Hays Traylor, Jimmy Chandler and Darrell DeVine are expected to see action in the game.

New Policeman On Marianna Force

Thurmon Gann has joined the Marianna Police Department. He replaces M. B. Brannan, who resigned earlier to accept the position as Lee County Deputy Sheriff.

Mr. Gann has lived in Marianna since 1956. He is a veteran and served as an M. P. in the Army. He worked for Weis-O-Gas before joining the police department.

Mrs. Emma Fryer Buried At Monroe

Mrs. Emma Fryer of Monroe died last Thursday. She was 72.

Survivors include four sons, Julius and Richard Fryer of Moro, Clinton Fryer of Helena, and Floyd Fryer of Georgia; five daughters, Mrs. Joyce Hill of Moro, Mrs. Mary Rose Davenport of Monroe, Mrs. Julia Wilkins of Brinkley, Mrs. Evelyn Porter of Memphis and Mrs. Bessie Carter of Ohio.

Funeral was held at two o'clock Saturday at the Baptist Church in Monroe. Burial was at the White Church Cemetery with Wylie Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

City Officials To Attend Meeting Of Municipal League

A delegation of Marianna city officials will be in Little Rock next week to atend the 30th annual convention of the Arkansas Municipal League. The Hotel Marion will be convention headquarters.

Mayor and Mrs. Clyde Andrews will leave Monday for Mayor Andrews to attend meetings of the executive committee prior to the convention. Joining them Tuesday will be Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adams, and F. M. Owens.

Representative J. B. Smith will be a special guest of the Marianna delegation Wednesday for a report on the work of the Arkansas Economic Expansion Study Commission. State representative Jack Oakes of Woodruff County will give the report.

Other featured speakers are Governor Orval E. Faubus and Winthrop Rockefeller., republican nominee for governor.

Madison County was named for Madison County, Alabama, which was named for James Madison, fourth president of the United States.

Barbara Carnes Enters Cotton Queen Contest

Miss Barbara Carnes will represent Marianna in the National Cotton Picking Queen Contest next week. The event will be staged on October 8, at Walker Park in Blytheville. Contest time is 7:30 p. m.

The Marianna Jaycettes are sponsoring Miss Carnes in the contest. The national event is sponsored by the Blytheville Jaycees and Jaycettes. Contestants will be judged in swimsuit and evening dress competition.

The winner of the contest will receive $250, a trophy and a $300 wardrobe. The first turnner up will receive a trophy and $100 and the second runner up will receive a trophy and $50.

American Legion Will Sponsor Annual Carnival

The Gala Exposition Shows will be in Marianna October 5—October 10, it was announced this week by Hallie Smithson, Commander of the American Legion Post.

The carnival will be located adpacent to Keisler Field. It is sponsored by the local Legion Post.

October 16, 1964

Mr. Lacy J. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman
Lee County Voters League
P. O. Box 225
Marianna, Arkansas

RE: VEP 4-51

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of October 15 in which I agreed that VEP would make a supplemental grant to your voter registration and education program in the amount of $172.

We are accepting your signed petty cash statement in the amount of $100, and I have changed your Request for Payment No. 2 from $300 to $306.71, since this is the actual amount of your itemized bills.

I am enclosing our check on the Southern Voter Project in the sum of $306.71, in payment of your request No. 2, and I am also enclosing checks to the McNew Realty Company for $105, the Arkansas Power and Light Company for $24.90, and to the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for $35.50.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encls: Four checks
cc: Financial

WB-

M E M O R A N D U M November 9, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-51
(Lee County Voters League)

Grant: $572.11

Expenditures:

Adv. Print. & Prom.	$ 30.21	
Office Rent	105.00	
Office Supplies	26.37	
Postage	24.00	
Salaries	306.50	
Tel. & Tel.	35.50	
Trav. & Tran.	19.63	
Utilities	24.90	
		572.11

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Rec'd 10/6/64

THE DURHAM COMMITTEE ON NEGRO AFFAIRS
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

October 3, 1964

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF $1,000.00 IN A VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT FOR OCTOBER, 1964

1. For salary for full-time worker and director of project (- $400.00

2. For punching and running data processing cards with names and addresses of prospective new voters-250.00

3. For clerical assistance in preparing and mailing letters to unregistered citizens - - - - - - - - - 150.00

4. For printing and distributing handbills and posters-100.00

5. For miscellaneous expenses - - - - - - - - - - - - - 100.00

Total - - - - - - - - - -$1,000.00

Signed: C. E. Boulware
C. E. Boulware, Executive Secretary
Durham Committee on Negro Affairs

VEP 4-52

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AT DURHAM
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

October 5, 1964

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Air Mail Spec

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Project Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

See VEP 2-2

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thank you for your letter of September 29 with enclosures.

I am herewith enclosing, according to your instruction, our financial accounting of the balance on the original grant of $1,000.00 received some time ago, our new budget proposal for $1,000.00 to be used for the month of October, and the signature card properly signed.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter and with best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

C. E. Boulware

C. E. Boulware,
Executive Secretary,
Durham Committee on Negro Affairs

VEP 4-52

October 8, 1964

Mr. C. E. Boulware
Durham Committee on Negro Affairs
P.O. Box 321
Durham, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-52

Dear Mr. Boulware:

I am sure you are already familiar with our progress reporting requirements. Under separate cover, I am sending you the reporting forms for weekly reports and the suggested outline for the final narrative report.

If at any time you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Jane Bond Moore
Research Assistant

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AT DURHAM
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

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JC

October 26, 1964

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Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St. N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

I am herewith enclosing a report and request for payment of certain expenditures which we have made against our recent grant of $1,000.00 for Voter Registration in Durham.

In explanation of the item in our last report concerning transportation of 50 young people to the Washington NAACP, please be advised that this is what they did with the amount of $157.00 which we paid them for the work in the area of voter registration these young people did. There was a large group of young people who made house to house contacts with the people of the city and the county, and as a result of their efforts quite a number of new registrants were enrolled on the books. I am sorry that I did not make this clear in the other letter.

Even though the final date for registration has passed quite a number of loose ends have to be taken care of and the final report of the undertaking is being written by Mrs. Marvin. Another report and request will be forwarded to you in a few days.

Very sincerely yours,

C. E. Boulware

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Executive Secretary
Durham Committee on Negro Affairs

VEP 4-52

FINANCIAL COPY

October 6, 1964

Mr. C. E. Boulware
Durham Committee on Negro Affairs
P. O. Box 321
Durham, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-52

Dear Mr. Boulware:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 5 in which you enclosed financial reporting on your first VEP grant. I note that you spent $157 in paying for transportation of 50 young people from your community to the Washington NAACP convention. Please explain the relationship of this expenditure to the VEP program.

I also acknowledge receipt of your budget proposal of October 3, 1964, in the amount of $1,000, for a crash registration program prior to the October 24 registration deadline. This budget has been approved in full, and we have this date transferred the sum of $1,000 to a special bank account for this use. I note that you have $100 in his budget for miscellaneous expenses, and I am therefore sending you a check for $100 which you may use as a petty cash fund, but which you will have to account for in accordance with the instructions sent to you on September 29.

This leaves you with a credit of $900, and we will issue checks to payees designated on a Request-for-Payment form from your project signed by Mr. J. H. Wheeler, since he is the only person who signed the authorized signature card. I am enclosing a copy of a Request-for-Payment form which I prepared in sending you the petty cash fund, and your next Request-for-Payment should be designated No. 2, and the following ones in numerical order. Please note thatyour

new program bears the grant number VEP 4-52.

Very truly yours,

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WAB:js
Encl: $100 check
Request-for-Payment form

cc: Mr. J. H. Wheeler

FINANCIAL COPY

10-10-64

September 29, 1964

Mr. C. E. Boulware, Executive Sec.
Durham Committee on Negro Affairs
North Carolina College at Durham
Durham, North Carolina RE: VEP 2-2

Dear Mr. Boulware:

For people who ". . . . cannot emphasize too much the urgency. . . ." of your request (your letter of June 11, 1964), it certainly appears that you have had no need for financial assistance from VEP. The budget proposal of $1,000 which you submitted at that time contemplated expenditures during the summer months and early fall, and it is quite obvious that such a proposal has no relationship to any crash registration program which you might now conduct.

Our records reveal that you had a balance on hand from your original grant of $295.73 as of May 18, 1964. Will you please furnish us with an up-to-date financial accounting immediately?

Because of our interest in the Durham area, we would still be willing to make a grant not to exceed $1,000 in support of a crash registration program, but you must first furnish us with a realistic budget showing how the funds would be spent. It is true that we did not include the financial instructions in our letter of July 13, but they were sent under separate cover the following day. We would not want to make a direct grant at this late date, as we must be assured of prompt financial reporting. We now have a system which we use for persons who are not already under the voucher check system, where we pay the actual bills from the project through the use of a voucher check system which we maintain here in Atlanta. I am enclosing the instructions

which we use for this special project, and also a signature card so that those persons who will be authorized to request payment of bills for your project should sign. Only one of the authorized signatures will be required so far as this office is concerned.

A supply of Request for Payment forms and vouchers will be sent to you under separate cover. No action can be taken until we have:

1) Your financial accounting to date -

2) A new budget proposal -

3) The signature card.

The film, "Right Now!" is also being sent under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
Encls: Instructions for Special Project
Signature Card
cc: Mr. John Wheeler

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE AT DURHAM
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

December 9, 1964

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Air mail Spec.

DEC 10 1964

Mr. Wiley A. Branton, Director
Voter Education Project
Room 206 / 5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thank you for your letter of December 2 in which you requested us to submit a full accounting of the $100.00 petty cash fund which was sent to us on October 6, 1964.

In compliance with this request, I am submitting the following:

1. Used for the purchase of lunches and refreshments for student workers - - - - - - - - - - - $ 15.14
2. To purchase gasoline to take prospective registrants to the polls - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - 15.00
3. For printing sample ballots - - - - - - - - 20.65
4. For purchase of 500 envelopes (letters) - - 5.25
5. For purchase of 500 5¢ stamps - - - - - - - 25.00
6. To Mrs. Josephine Strayhorne for secretarial services during the registration period - - 25.00

Total spent(this area) $106.04

Over drawn - - - - - $6.04

JL: This is ok for accounting for $100 petty cash fund WB

I am respectfully requesting that you forward this overdraft of $6.04 to Mr. John H. Wheeler, who forwarded same for the benefit of the Committee.

Again thanking you for the appropriation of $1,000.00 which aided us so much in doing a good job in the past registration campaign.

Very sincerely yours,

C. Elwood Boulware

C. Elwood Boulware,
Executive Secretary
Durham Committee on Negro Affairs

VEP 4-52

FINANCIAL

December 2, 1964

Mr. C. Elwood Boulware
Durham Committee on Negro Affairs
P. O. Box 321
Durham, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-52

Dear Mr. Boulware:

We are in the process of closing all of our VEP accounts, and we request that you submit to us at once a full accounting of the $100 petty cash fund which was sent to you on October 6, 1964, together with a refund of any unused portion of said fund.

If you have any other outstanding bills in connection with your last registration drive which you are expecting VEP to pay in accordance with the terms of your grant, then you should submit properly executed Request-for-Payment forms to our office on or before December 10, 1964. I must caution you that we will not honor any Request-for-Payment arriving after that date.

I congratulate you and all of your co-workers for the very fine job which you have done, not only in getting people registered in Durham, but in the tremendous turnout on election day.

With kind personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js
cc: Mr. John Wheeler

WB

M E M O R A N D U M

December 29, 1964

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: Final Accounting on VEP 4-52 (Special)
(Durham Comm. on Negro Affairs)

Grant (original allocation $1000)		$1078.61
Disbursements:		
Adv. Print. & Prom.	$108.72	
Meals	15.14	
Office Supplies	5.25	
Postage	25.00	
Salaries	909.50	
Trav. & Trans.	15.00	1078.61

jl

January 18, 1965

Mrs. Delores R. Marvin
Durham Committee on Negro Affairs
P. O. Box 312
Durham, North Carolina

RE: VEP 4-52

Dear Mrs. Marvin:

Please accept our belated thanks for your excellent report on the voter registration drive in Durham, North Carolina. You asked that we comment on your report.

The report which you sent us is one of the finest which has been submitted, and describes fully the kind of campaign which you conducted. I note that you included a report on some partisan activity in connection with the "Get-Out-The-Vote" campaign for the November 3 general election. I fully understand that the report which you prepared served a dual role by providing information concerning both the registration effort and the "Get-Out-The-Vote" effort, and that funds from the VEP grant were used solely in connection with the registration effort. I understand that the DCNA provided its own funds for the "Get-Out-The Vote" campaign.

The DCNA is to be congratulated for its entire program, and you deserve special commendation for the role which you played.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

WAB:js

cc: Mr. John Wheeler

NOTE: Copy of this letter, along with a duplicate report from Mrs. Marvin and related correspondence in Research file.

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Recorded

WB
JMP

909 Dupree Street
Durham, N. C.
November 17, 1964

Mr. Wiley Branten, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W. / Room 206
Atlanta 3, Ga.

Dear Mr. Branten:

The enclosed Report(2 copies) is as "detailed" as could be. Hope you will find it acceptable in every phase.

I must say I was truly proud to have been a small part of the tremendous "wave" the Negro vote created on the vast political ocean which completely engulfed these United States for the several months leading up to the November 3rd election. Needless to say, you and your worthy organization are justifiably proud and pleased with the over-all results of your efforts throughout the Southland -- with exception, of course, to the hopelessly unenlightened Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and Louisiana sections, and the not quite so hopeless Georgia and Arizona.

It seemed fitting to make several copies of this Report in order that it might be available to such interested persons locally who would care to have one. John Wheeler expressed a desire to have a copy, as did Dr. C. E. Boulware, secretary of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs. With your permission, I should also like to send a copy to Louis Martin in Washington, D. C., who is a personal friend of ours and who expressed great interest in our efforts here in Durham.

Both checks were received -- with gratitude and, I confess, some doubts as to whether or not one should really accept "payment" for performing one's civic duty.

Any comment you may care to make on the Report will be received with an open mind and appreciated as constructive criticism.

Sincerely yours,

Delores Marvin

Delores R. Marvin

Enclosures

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P.S. You will forgive me, I trust, if I have goofed on the spelling of your last name. I mislaid your card -- John Wheeler is out of town, and I want to get this in the mail without further delay.

D.M.

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Administering The Literacy Test

The question concerning changes in the literacy test administered to voting registrants in Durham County was no doubt prompted by the announcement that Wake County registrars will henceforth administer a written test. The purpose is compliance with the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Administration of the literacy test for voting in Durham County is a benign performance which does no more than comply with the formality of the law. If it errs, it errs on the side of too great leniency. No person who can read and write even to a minimum degree has been denied the right of the franchise by an overzealous administration of this requirement. For the local application of the law has for years been limited to having the applicant fill in certain information on the form and to read aloud an oath of allegiance to the North Carolina and United States Constitutions.

In Wake County an oral test has been administered. Because this sort of test leaves the way open for charges of discrimination, which cannot be refuted beyond question, the Wake Board of Elections has now prescribed a written test which will be kept on file. Wake is requiring an applicant for registration to copy a section of the State Constitution and to sign the registration oath, instead of reading it aloud. These will be kept on file and will thus provide evidence in the event of challenge.

Insofar as the tests are administered uniformly to all applicants, they do not conflict with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act. The change in Wake is for the protection of registrars and the Board of Elections. Durham's simple test would appear to conform to the requirements of the new law, and the application form, filled in in the handwriting of the registrant, or not filled in, should provide the answer in cases of challenge.

Both the Durham and Wake tests are inadequate. The literacy test should furnish some index to the individual's competence to vote. But a test of this sort should be prepared at the state level. New York State, for example, has a test for applicants for registration which provides a measure of the voter's understanding of the meaning of his citizenship. The vote ought not to be regarded as the privilege of every individual, but of those qualified to exercise it on their own.

I Have VOTED!
Have You?

REGISTER NOW

BOOKS OPEN OCT. 10 - 17 - 24

FROM 9 A. M. UNTIL SUNSET

If you have NOT registered since April 1962 you must register again in order to vote in the Presidential Election on November 3 between 6:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M.

If you have recently moved into a new community, you should change your registration to the Precinct in that community.

YOU CAN REGISTER

If you will be at least 21 years old by November 3.

If you have been a resident of North Carolina for one year and a resident of this precinct for 30 days.

Be sure that all members of your family register who are eligible.

REGISTER NOW
USE THIS CAR
YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

Durham Committee On Negro Affairs

SAMPLE LETTER

WB-
JM

THE DURHAM COMMITTEE ON NEGRO AFFAIRS
Post Office Box 321
Durham, North Carolina

DEAR TEACHER AND FELLOW AMERICAN:

Do you know that there are literally thousands of eligible people in our community who will be unable to vote in the coming election? Do you know that this is the most important election in many years? Do you know that many of these people have children attending the school where YOU teach? Do you know that at least ONE of them may have a child in YOUR class?

How can these people be reached? Can they be reached through their children? Would they listen to the teacher of their children?

LET US FACE IT - many people will go to the polls on election day with the determination to turn the hands of the clock back. The enemies of progress have no thoughts of failing. They mean to win this election, but we who stand for justice and progress must seize upon every opportunity to get each person registered. By doing so, we shall waive victory in our battle for justice, human dignity and better education for our children.

W I L L Y O U H E L P U S ???

If every teacher will help by making direct contacts and, as a result, get just ONE PERSON to register, then the effect may well be the turning point whereby our community's vote will give support to the forces which work for progress in the coming election.

WILL YOU PLEASE MAKE SOME CONTACTS AMONG THE PARENTS OF YOUR CHILDREN AND FIND SOME WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED AND SEE THAT THEY REGISTER?

Saturday, October 24, 1964, is the last date for registration for those who would be eligible to vote in the next election.

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If you know of a group of persons meeting between now and October 24, who may wish to have a person appear before them in the interest of the city-wide registration campaign, please call us and let us know.

Very sincerely yours,

John H. Wheeler

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REPORT

THE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE IN DURHAM, N. C.

Delores R. Marvin, Director

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The Voter Registration Drive in Durham and Durham County was launched in early October at a general meeting of all precinct chairmen. Plans were outlined for an all-out effort calling for the full cooperation of each precinct.

At this meeting, appointments were set up for special meetings throughout the following week and a half with each individual precinct chairman (or captain) and four or five of his volunteers who had "leadership" ability.

Meanwhile, hand bills were prepared for distribution to the various precinct groups, along with posters for display in the windows of the small business firms in the solid Negro areas such as "Hayti" and along Fayetteville Street. Bumper stickers were distributed to all who had cars indicating such cars were available for transportation to the polling places for registration. All the above material was originated and produced free of charge as a contribution to the effort.

Lists of names were made up from the telephone directory by a small group familiar with the streets and neighborhoods populated by Negroes. These lists were checked against a voter registration list from previous elections to avoid duplication of names as much as possible. Students and/or other young people known to have reached their 21st birthday and who were otherwise qualified to vote in the area were sought out. (Such qualifications were listed on the first batch of handbills to go out.) These lists were put into data processing equipment which provided a computer print-out list of the names by street and number of the residence. These, in turn, were separated precinct by precinct.

The director set up an office and meeting place in the recreation room of her home with extra chairs, a large table and typewriter and the necessary sign indicating that it was the headquarters for the registration drive. As each chairman and his workers met here with the director, the list containing the names of prospective voters in his own precinct was used. The list was divided among the individual workers, according to the street he or she volunteered to work door to door with the help of additional volunteers in the precinct. Problems from previous registration efforts were brought up and discussed and possible solutions offered in roundtable-type discussions. The slant or pitch of the workers' approach to the unregistered for the purpose of explaining and "selling" the importance of his one vote was discussed.

Following the meetings, the director requested progress reports by telephone from time to time throughout the drive. Additional information or material was always available to any worker who needed it. The director visited each precinct to observe the turn out and to note the method used in handling long lines of people. Where the lines did not seem to move along as fast as in other precincts, suggestions were offered by phone to the registrar after the closing hour.

The various slogans used or offered were based on an appeal to the individual pride of the prospective voter, stressing the importance of "one vote" -- HIS vote. One such slogan was repeated several times daily over radio station WSRC through the cooperation of its "Public Service Announcements" division at no cost. It went:

"Register Saturday so you can vote November 3rd!
Through your vote, let your voice be heard!"

The station announcers are Negroes and the entire program of this station is beamed to the listening preferences of large sections of the Negro public. (Evidence of the size of the daily listening audience who heard the repeated slogan was the great number of previously registered people who came out just to check the books for their names.)

Those who indicated a desire to "help" but who could not visit door-to-door (such as mothers with young children and women who worked on full time jobs) took partial lists of some of the larger precincts and a telephone campaign was launched. The director participated in this effort during some part of each day from October 8 through 24.

The ministers of every Negro church were urged to announce the importance of the drive. Some included the question:

"Are you registered to vote?"

on the church's application for membership forms. The major legal requirements to register and vote were itemized.

Sorority, fraternity and club presidents were contacted and asked to urge all members at their next meetings to be sure they were registered if newcomers, or to volunteer to find at least one unregistered person and get him to register during the drive.

The executive director of the local Negro hospital volunteered, upon contact, to be responsible for getting all his nurses registered. The local Negro bank and the insurance company assumed the responsibility for encouraging all employees to register if they had not already done so.

A "Registration Band Wagon" was made up of students of a local Negro business college. Carrying posters and riding a small bus made available for the purpose, the students covered the main streets of the Negro sections of town when they were free to leave their studies in the early afternoon. This group was handled by a young man who works with the NAACP youth group regularly, and who proved himself to be invaluable for contacts among the student groups for much of the volunteer work and the distribution of hand bills.

A special letter was prepared over the signatures of the general chairman and the executive secretary of the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs. Over 500 mimeographed copies went out by first-class mail to the Negro teachers in the City and County Schools of Durham. (See enclosed copy of letter, together with newspaper clippings which appeared from time to time on "registration.")

Approximately 2,500 persons were added to the registration rolls during the campaign period between October 7 and October 24.

Respectfully submitted,

Delores R. Marvin

Delores R. Marvin

November 16, 1964

THE DURHAM COMMITTEE ON NEGRO AFFAIRS
Post Office Box 321
Durham, North Carolina

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Durham Voter Registration Mounts; 1,480 Names Added

By BILL KIRKLAND
Herald Staff Writer

Durham's voter registration is continuing to swell as the Nov. 3 general election approaches.

Sigmund Meyer, chairman of the County Board of Elections, reported Monday that initial returns from Saturday's registration show that 1,480 new names have been added to the books.

The figures, which represent 27 of 36 precincts reporting, raised total registration here to 45,456. Some 1,300 persons registered the previous Saturday as books were opened for the first time since May.

"This indicated that local people are showing great interest in the upcoming election," said Meyer. "It also indicates that a large number of young people are beginning to register."

An additional 203 persons went to polling places Saturday to transfer their precinct registration, Meyer said.

Saturday registration figures also show that 22 persons changed their party affiliation, although no breakdown was given as to parties.

Meyer said the number of party switches is not unusual, pointing out that a person's party affiliation does not determine his vote in a general election.

The largest number of changes in affiliation took place in the Pearson School precinct where eight changes were made. Morehead School precinct showed the second largest number with four.

Registration books will be open for the final time before the election this Saturday. Hours are from 9 a.m. until sunset at 5:29 p.m.

Meyer predicts that over 30,000 persons will go to the polls here Nov. 3.

Here is the breakdown on last Saturday's registration:

Durham High 59, Watts Street 58, E. K. Powe 28, West Durham Community Center 41, West Durham Southside 111, Lakewood 73, Carr Junior High 21, Morehead 38, Forest Hills Clubhouse 21, Hillside 72, Pearson 56, Burton 63, Y. E. Smith 17, Holton Junior High 45, Edgemont 54, Holloway Street 102, Tuxedo Junction 27, Club Boulevard 63, Bragtown 26, Holt 53, Hillandale 73, Glenn 63, Oak Grove 60, Bethesda 43, Pearsontown 38, South Patterson 63 and Hope Valley 112.

Reports have not been listed for Whitted, Fuller, North Durham, Northern, Carver's Store, Bacon Fellowship Hall, Mangum, Coley's Store and Nelson precincts.

Note: These figures do not include (1) all Negro precincts, (2) registration on Oct. 10, 1964 and (3) registration on Oct. 24, 1964 (the day on which registration was heaviest).

Section B—8 Pages

Tuesday, October 20, 1964

Durham Morning Herald

Next To Last Day—

Voters Can Register Tomorrow

Oct. 23, 1964

Tomorrow is the second of three Saturdays for registrars to be at the polling places to register new voters.

County Board of Elections Chairman Sigmund Meyer reported this week that more than 1,100 new names were added to the registration books last Saturday.

Registrars will be at the polling places tomorrow between 9 a.m. and sunset (about 5:30 p.m.).

The registration period will extend through Saturday, Oct. 24. Registrars will be at the polling places this Saturday and on Oct. 24.

Anyone wishing to register at any other time may contact the registrars at their homes.

When voters go to the polls on Nov. 3, in addition to the candidates of their choice, they will be asked to vote for or against "The issuance of $100,000,000 state of North Carolina public school facilities bonds of 1963."

What this means to Durham County voters is that if the state school bond proposal passes, city and county schools will get more than $2.1 million in state funds for the construction of schools.

State education officials have said the bonds can be retired without an increase in taxes.

City and county school officials have asked Durham voters not to bypass the school bond vote in their haste to make a choice in the national election.

Final Chance To Register Offered Today

Oct. 24, 1964

Today is the last time eligible voters in Durham will have a chance to register for the Nov. 3 general election.

Elections Board Chairman Sigmund Meyer announced that the registrars of the 36 precincts will be on duty at their respective polling places from 9 a.m. until 5:29 p.m. (sunset) to register prospective voters.

In addition to new voters, the registrars will also be transferring the names of registered residents who have moved from one precinct to another since the last election.

Meyer also said that Challenge Day will be held at the polling places from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 31.

During the last three weeks of registration, nearly 3,000 new names were added to the books here, boosting the total voter strength in Durham to nearly 46,000 persons.

The Carolina Times

THE TRUTH UNBRIDLED

VOLUME 41 — No. 42 DURHAM, N. C.—27702 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1964 PRICE: 15 Cents

RETURN REQUESTED

Durham Woman First Of N. C. As Receptionist For First Lady

In her capacity as a member of the official Reception Committee from the Durham County Democratic Executive Committee to meet Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and her party, Miss Ellen Warren, vice chairman of the Whitted Precinct, chalked up a "first" for this area. As a participant in receptions for the First Lady in Durham, Burlington, and Greensboro, after boarding the Lady Bird Special in Durham, she became the first Negro woman in the tarheel area to serve in such a capacity.

Miss Warren, when asked what she and the First Lady talked about, stated that "Mrs. Johnson showed considerable interest in my long record of participation in the political affairs of Durham County, and encouraged my continued efforts in behalf of her husband, Lyndon Johnson, for president of our country."

At the present time Miss Warren is involved in a massive registration drive taking place throughout the City and County of Durham. Workers are well organized and supplied with hand bills and voter registration information.

Precinct by precinct, every door will be knocked on and every possible voter will be urged to exer

See WARREN 4A

--Warren

Continued from front page

cise his or her privilege as a taxpaying "equal" citizen of Durham County by getting his or her own name in "the book" Saturday, October 24.

The spirit of the drive is such that some churches are having membership lists checked to see that every member is a voter. Others are including the question: "Are you a registered voter?" on their application for membership form. By the way, are YOU, dear reader, a registered voter?"

Record Turnout Of Voters Expected At Polls Today

Durham Morning Herald

Local, State, Sports, Markets, Radio-TV & Classified

Note: Total registration of Negro voters in Durham County is estimated to be 15,250 as of Nov. 3, 1964

49,496 Registered For 1964 Balloting

By JIM SRODES
Herald Staff Writer

Election Day in Durham.

Predictable in its unpredictability, Durham County elections today are sure to provide more than its share of upsets, landslides and records.

With a record of 49,496 registered voters able to cast votes for their choices, predictions on the actual vote range from the 38,000 expected by Elections Board Chairman Sigmund Meyer to the 39,000 predicted by the familiar faces seen out front of the county courthouse.

The predictions of a large turnout are based, among other things, on the 33,620 voters who cast their ballots in 1960. Out of that election, John F. Kennedy polled 19,298 to Richard Nixon's 14,322 while Terry Sanford received 17,215 votes to Robert Gavin's 14,359.

Across the state in 1960, Kennedy got 713,136 to Nixon's 655,420 while Sanford beat Gavin 735,248 to 613,975.

The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 36 polling places in Durham.

In the May 30 primary election this year, the local registration was 42,142 with about 28,500 persons voting. During the three weeks for registration in October, more than 6,000 new

This [illegible] of v[illegible] in the [illegible] to 32[illegible] with a[illegible] 16,702 eligible to vote in the county—49,496 altogether.

This will be the first time Durham precincts will be completely mechanized with 78 machines installed in the precincts. This means the job of tallying the vote will be much more easily handled than in past elections.

Organized bloc groups such as the Durham County Citizens Council and the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs will be standing outside the polls to recommend to followers the proper candidates, in their opinion, to vote for.

The Citizens' Council already has endorsed Republicans Barry Goldwater for president, Robert Gavin for governor and Walter Green for U.S. Congress.

The rest of the Council's slate will be announced when the polls open, but top officials state that the GOP nominee for lieutenant governor, Clifford Lee Bell, will also get the nod.

Other indications are that the Council will split the ticket on other office races, such as the State House of Representatives, Board of County Commissioners and County Board of Education.

Also holding its endorsements until the polls open will be the Committee on Negro Affairs, which reportedly will be recommending a straight Democratic ticket.

In addition to the list of candidates, which range from "the White House to the courthouse," Durham voters will be called upon to decide the fate of the $100 million state school bond issue.

Then after all the tumult and shouting has died away — after the last campaign poster has been torn to the ground—Durham citizens will accept the mandate of their neighbors and return to the work of the future, fully convinced that the best man has won.

The DURHAM COMMITTEE ON
NEGRO AFFAIRS
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS
THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATES

STATE BOND ELECTION →	For (YES) / Against
OFFICES →	For President and Vice-President of the United States (Vote for One)
STRAIGHT PARTY LEVER FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT — DEMOCRATIC	1A Lyndon B. Johnson, Hubert H. Humphrey
STRAIGHT PARTY LEVER FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT — REPUBLICAN	1B Barry M. Goldwater, William E. Miller
STRAIGHT PARTY LEVER FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS — DEMOCRATIC	
STRAIGHT PARTY LEVER FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS — REPUBLICAN	

NOVEMBER 3, 1964

CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS
CAROLINA TIMES
436 EAST PETTIGREW ST.
PHONE 681-8512

Note: The total Negro voter turnout was approximately 12,000. The total number of all votes in Durham County was 39,000. This indicates that Negro votes exceeded their total ratio of population.

DURHAM, N. C., WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 4, 1964 WDNC RADIO CBS PRICE: 10c

Bloc Voting Gave Moore Local Win, Aided LBJ

Win Seen As Support Of Policies

As Carried On By Both Parties Since War's End

The most important meaning of the landslide victory of the Johnson-Humphrey ticket is "an overwhelming reaffirmation by the American people of their support of both domestic and international programs carried on by every Presidential administration since World War II."

That was the comment here today from Dr. Arthur Larson, a supporter of President Johnson and former special assistant to President Eisenhower. Recently named a special consultant to President Johnson, Dr. Larson served both as Undersecretary of Labor and director of the U.S. Information Agency during the Eisenhower administrations.

Programs for which Americans reaffirmed their support in yesterday's election, Dr. Larson said, include "the United Nations, improved Social Security, foreign aid, federal aid to education, increased international trade and many other similar programs.

"Conversely, the American people have decisively rejected the view of a relatively small minority who would have sharply altered this main current of American policy," Dr. Larson continued.

"In view of the troubled condition of international affairs, and the change in government of two of three of the major nuclear powers, it is particularly reassuring to have continuity of experience and communication through the re-election of the President," Dr. Larson declared.

"The size of his victory should provide him with the strong moral backing he needs to deal effectively with international problems," he said.

"The leaders and peoples of other countries will know beyond a doubt that when he speaks, he represents the great majority of American people — which is particularly important at a time when both the British and Soviet Governments are in a somewhat less stable condition," Dr. Larson concluded.

Meanwhile, Alexander Barnes, defeated Negro Republican candidate for the State Senate, said the GOP defeat here shows "there is a need for a reorganization of the Republican Party." He said he will attend a three-day meeting in Cincinnati Nov. 12 which will be devoted to that end.

5 Precincts Beat Gavin In County

Whopping Margin For Democrats; Many Voted Late

The Negro bloc vote here yesterday gave Dan K. Moore his Durham County gubernatorial victory over Republican Robert Gavin and kept the Presidential race from being close.

The combined votes of five predominantly Negro precincts —Hillside, Pearsontown, Burton, Whitted and Pearson Schools— gave Moore a lopsided 6,339-to-63 edge over Gavin in those precincts.

The remaining 31 precincts, however, backed Gavin by a margin of 14,464 to 13,365.

The Johnson-Humphrey ticket ran up a 7,360-to-63 lead in the five Negro precincts. The total votes cast for the Democratic standard-bearers in the remaining 31 precincts totaled 15,504 —275 more than cast for the GOP team of Sen. Barry Goldwater and Rep. William Miller.

The record turnout of voters here extended the working day for registrars and other precinct officials into the late hours last night.

Sigmund Meyer, chairman of the County Board of Elections, said lines of voters still were in existence when the polls closed at 6:30 p.m.

They were permitted to vote and this brought on late precinct reports on the results to his office.

The Hope Valley precinct, where the largest vote was cast, did not report its results to his office until 11:15 p.m., he said.

There were around 300 persons waiting to vote when the 6:30 p.m. closing time came around.

Other precincts thrown behind in their tabulation of the voting totals because of waiting lines of voters were West Durham Community Center and Hillandale School.

The official canvass of the voting will be taken at a meeting of the registrars tomorrow at 11 a.m.

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Wrong Way To Influence Voters

The practice of handing out ballots carrying recommendations for voting, as is being done in Durham, casts serious reflections on both the intelligence and the integrity of the voters.

To try to influence people to vote for a certain candidate or a given ticket or a particular issue is one thing. To hand the voter a sheet showing him how to mark his ballot is quite another. It suggests that he lacks the intelligence to make his own choice and the integrity to reach a conclusion on the basis of his own appraisal of candidates and issues.

Looking at the practice from the other side, if a person needs the sort of guidance implicit in handing a recommended ballot to a voter going to his polling place, the person who needs that guidance is not qualified to exercise the franchise. The person who depends on others to tell him how to vote lacks a basic ingredient of citizenship in a democracy. It indicates a lack of self-respect which invites disrespect from others.

Democracy is rooted in the dignity of the individual. But to have dignity the individual must have self-respect, and this he cannot have when he lets others do his thinking for him. This is particularly true in the highest expression of citizenship in a democracy, the exercise of the franchise. And those who would tell a voter how to vote say also to him that they have no respect for him, for his capacity to make up his own mind. They also say to him that they want to violate the democratic principle of the equality of all voters by arrogating to themselves more votes than they are entitled to.

The Durham County Citizens Council, Inc., and the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs show a fundamental lack of respect for the voter in handing to him sheets "recommending" how he is to vote. This is not to say that these organizations should not campaign for candidates and issues of their choice and oppose those they do not want. But to wait until the eve of a primary or an election before making a choice and then hand out ballots showing the voter how they want him to vote is insulting to the voter because it shows contempt for his intelligence and his integrity and it is contrary to the proper practice of democracy.

Readers' Views

The Bloc Vote

To the Editor:

An open letter to the Negroes of Durham County:

May I congratulate you upon having given Mr. Johnson your vote in this very important election. Glancing over the precinct returns, we see a very definite and quite astonishing bit of bloc voting. This has truly made you full-fledged members of American society. You obviously are not concerned about being assimilated into the Durham community. There seems to have been no "intelligent" voting on your part whatsoever; however, you have made your presence known in the only way possible and again I express pride in knowing you are such a discerning and well-oriented group of people.

Seriously though, don't you think you, as a distinct ethnic group, have hurt yourself in your efforts to destroy prejudice and misgivings about you and your abilities to assume the heavy burden as true citizens of this great Republic of ours. An hierarchy of well-organized and centralized power has taken you for all you're worth and has used you to their ends which you think rather foolishly are yours too. If the Negroes of this country are to blossom into beautiful and noble citizens, be assimilated into our citizenry, then I think they must never again vote as a bloc. The bloc vote is the fools way out and reeks of ignorance, selfishness and subservience. You have sacrificed your white brethren and friends for Negro masters and we all hope that, as other elections come and go, you shall forever cast off righteousness, mainly civic responsibility and intelligence, which lead to deep and everlasting satisfaction as mature and discerning voters and citizens.

JAMES A WILLIAMS

Massive Support Accorded Moore By N.C. Negroes

RALEIGH (AP) — North Carolina Negroes gave Judge Dan K. Moore massive support Tuesday in his successful race against Republican Robert Gavin for the governorship.

Kelly Alexander of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, estimated Moore got 85 to 90 per cent of the Negro vote.

A sampling of predominantly Negro precincts disclosed Wednesday that Democrat Moore received the bulk of votes in those precincts despite concern expressed by the NAACP before the election over the support he had received in the second Democratic primary from Dr. I. Beverly Lake of Raleigh, looked upon in the first primary as the segregationist candidate.

Lake, after being eliminated in the first primary, urged his supporters to vote for Moore in the second primary when L. Richardson Preyer of Greensboro was defeated.

In predominantly Negro precincts the results included (number of precincts in parentheses):

CITY	Moore	Gavin
Elizabeth City (3)	1,608	345
Wilmington (1)	1,263	304
Hickory (2)	1,430	828
Wilson (3)	2,490	826
Greensboro (3)	4,207	745
Fayetteville (1)	939	245
Rocky Mount (1)	1,181	52
Raleigh (1)	838	129
Durham (5)	5,924	496
Charlotte (2)	1,190	386
Winston-Salem (9)	8,532	625
Asheville (3)	2,382	504

"Contrary to widespread belief beforehand," Alexander said, "The Negro did not do any large amount of ticket splitting."

He added that "the backlash wasn't as deeply rooted as people had assumed. It really backfired."

Alexander said the NAACP polled the Negro leadership across the state prior to the general election and learned "of real concern as a result of the adoption of Goldwaterism by the Republican nominee for governor and a move toward ultra-conservatism by the Republican nominee for governor. This was made apparent by his close association with rigid segregationists. . .

"The survey revealed that 100 per cent of those polled favored support of the national Democratic ticket. Eighty-eight per cent of those polled favored support of the Democratic ticket in North Carolina in spite of reservations and of widespread fear of attempting to split the ticket. Eight per cent favored a change and therefore supported the Republican gubernatorial nominee and four per cent was undecided."

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Striking Features In Durham Vote

A turnout of 80 per cent of Durham County's registered voters in Tuesday's general election is highly gratifying. To be sure, more should have gone to the polls. But the percentage is so much better than usual that the 39,777 who went to the polls is greatly to their credit and that of the county.

But after going to the polls, many did not vote in all races in which they had the opportunity to vote. As was to be expected, more voted in the presidential race than in any other; yet more than 1,500 voters who were numbered among those voting did not register a choice between President Johnson and Senator Goldwater. When it came to the gubernatorial race, almost 4,500 failed to choose between Judge Moore and Mr. Gavin. And more than 8,000 had no preference in the lieutenant governor's race, between Mr. Scott and Mr. Bell. Over 9,000 showed no interest in the congressional race, between Mr. Kornegay and Mr. Green. When it came to the state school bond issue, nearly 15,000 passed up the opportunity to vote on it.

After comparing the individual races with the total turnout, then, gratification must be qualified. No matter how many go to the polls, failure to vote at every opportunity reduces the popular control of the outcome of the election.

It is hard to understand why there are voters in North Carolina who are sufficiently interested in public affairs to go to the polls on election day and vote for a presidential slate but are indifferent to the choice of governor. Or who will choose between gubernatorial nominees but do not care who is elected congressman, or who represents the county in the General Assembly or directs county affairs as county commissioners or sits on the governing board of the county public schools.

The Durham County returns, despite the record turnout of voters, brought no upsets. True to long tradition, the Democratic slate carried the county by a decisive margin. The large turnout and the contrasting smaller vote in the various races constitute the most striking features of Durham County voting this year.

Presidential & State Ballots in County by Precincts

DURHAM MORNING-HERALD

	Bragtown School	Carr Junior High School	Ray's Grocery	Mangum School	Carver & Sam Building	T. E. Smith School	Holt School	Forest Hills Clubhouse	Pearsontown School	Hillside High School	Nelson Clubhouse	Bacon Fellowship	Texade Junction	Edgemont School	E. K. Pope School	Fuller School	Burton School	Glenn School	Durham High School	Northern High School	Oak Grove School	Pearson School	Holloway Street School	Bethesda School	W. Dur. Southside School	Neline Jr. High School	North Durham School	Whitted School	Watts Street School	Morehead School	Lakewood School	S. Patterson Com. Center	Club Boulevard School	Hillandale School	W. Durham Com. Center	Hope Valley School	Totals
PRESIDENT-VICE PRESIDENT																																					
Johnson-Humphrey	326	283	146	138	121	284	527	386	1064	1851	135	83	290	318	398	740	1397	688	617	339	422	1140	969	334	750	342	641	1908	867	872	1203	579	664	669	639	744	22,864
Goldwater-Miller	433	173	174	151	87	373	483	441	21	7	159	51	328	332	390	146	12	830	651	519	684	7	517	340	410	462	697	16	492	266	800	621	842	1001	718	1421	15,255
GOVERNOR																																					
Moore (D)	327	221	145	127	99	289	510	418	890	1563	121	77	284	315	372	646	978	625	565	325	423	1000	794	328	525	325	660	1493	692	702	834	420	658	596	638	779	19,704
Gavin (R)	409	183	153	133	72	331	432	361	96	147	148	49	309	305	373	137	67	757	662	446	665	100	492	307	527	452	667	95	514	254	757	661	772	957	676	1301	14,960
LT. GOVERNOR																																					
Scott (D)	344	225	130	123	86	262	491	430	854	1528	122	88	316	296	358	585	848	616	642	338	454	884	771	332	608	319	681	1377	704	639	1038	485	713	714	672	898	19,971
Bell (R)	308	134	121	89	51	268	350	282	37	39	120	37	209	241	290	95	24	603	494	371	532	27	395	423	387	352	507	34	376	167	670	498	590	732	511	1089	11,332
SECRETARY OF STATE																																					
Eure (D)	428	249	135	126	87	340	577	521	845	1517	133	80	343	317	389	584	827	754	703	430	537	873	843	394	581	390	787	1359	748	643	1056	534	820	850	764	1073	21,637
Butler (R)	209	106	100	59	44	184	234	177	36	34	100	34	160	193	219	73	19	408	383	247	405	23	282	318	343	248	363	30	293	121	564	393	424	529	396	851	8,597
STATE AUDITOR																																					
Bridges (D)	348	217	120	96	81	265	492	482	846	1510	117	75	304	266	332	565	827	557	630	333	438	866	749	314	534	304	661	1358	670	603	979	470	653	699	661	924	19,356
Peterson (R)	263	121	106	73	48	238	291	198	33	35	115	38	178	225	250	84	19	553	410	310	477	24	343	396	360	315	432	29	337	136	600	441	528	638	438	932	10,006
STATE TREASURER																																					
Gill (D)	363	221	122	114	80	272	509	505	845	1510	123	79	315	278	349	570	827	571	662	349	458	865	755	319	545	317	696	1362	686	621	999	472	689	723	702	987	19,860
Mitchell (R)	255	120	111	72	47	233	277	185	35	39	112	36	173	223	240	82	21	555	396	309	465	25	343	388	359	307	415	29	334	140	587	442	507	627	435	894	9,818
SUPT. OF PUB. INSTRUCTIONS																																					
Carroll (D)	365	236	122	121	78	278	524	522	852	1516	127	77	320	273	351	583	830	603	676	353	487	872	768	324	577	324	741	1360	694	624	1055	505	713	748	713	1070	20,383
ATTORNEY GENERAL																																					
Bruton (D)	338	217	120	96	79	259	491	479	842	1512	118	78	282	282	322	567	822	586	621	324	431	865	746	304	534	294	655	1358	659	604	974	448	630	682	666	912	13,147
Coltrane (R)	268	124	112	72	48	234	284	195	36	35	111	36	196	227	259	84	19	566	415	323	485	29	340	389	363	319	453	30	337	137	609	442	534	239	441	949	9,736
COMM. OF AGRICULTURE																																					
Graham (D)	343	217	127	113	83	263	498	479	848	1511	120	78	304	271	335	569	824	574	621	336	448	865	735	317	537	309	689	1362	667	602	987	471	659	710	676	933	19,488
Watson (R)	259	122	103	62	43	224	275	188	34	35	110	34	177	217	244	82	19	548	408	305	466	23	326	378	343	310	413	27	324	130	581	427	502	612	423	904	9,672
COMM. OF LABOR																																					
Crane (D)	370	237	122	114	78	281	518	523	845	1512	123	76	332	270	368	583	826	608	668	368	486	869	786	339	569	333	736	1356	707	620	1040	504	721	748	715	1067	20,413
COMM. OF INSURANCE																																					
Lanier (D)	403	238	129	122	86	314	555	511	846	1511	127	82	326	303	387	566	835	716	668	405	532	869	824	398	561	396	769	1361	723	634	1051	526	789	823	732	1064	21,181
Clifford (R)	213	104	102	58	4	182	232	173	36	37	96	34	185	195	209	71	19	404	379	253	410	2	273	318	327	249	338	12	283	111	565	387	397	513	381	820	8,251
JUDGE, 2nd District																																					
Peele (D)	354	227	122	109	76	275	514	504	843	1509	122	79	313	269	351	573	821	591	650	359	476	865	769	325	557	318	727	1361	675	615	1019	483	704	730	702	1018	20,606
JUDGE, 11th District																																					
Johnson (D)	354	232	122	113	79	277	514	509	845	1512	124	77	310	269	349	580	822	589	647	351	468	867	774	323	556	320	729	1358	681	620	1012	494	707	728	706	1015	20,664
JUDGE, 20th District																																					
McConnell (D)	348	230	122	108	77	270	513	506	843	1508	122	77	340	287	344	574	819	583	648	352	461	862	765	325	557	310	726	1358	673	616	1009	497	708	718	704	1026	19,964
U. S. CONGRESS																																					
Kornegay (D)	380	236	128	120	87	302	525	536	849	1511	118	84	171	300	383	593	839	610	663	375	479	881	806	323	566	320	752	1366	726	634	1139	519	765	785	767	1045	20,798
Green (R)	272	117	111	68	47	223	277	193	35	41	120	32	367	226	248	77	18	545	404	305	453	23	332	373	328	319	403	26	314	124	583	421	484	608	410	892	9,808
Total Voting	771	485	331	308	228	690	1068	872	1113	1881	306	142	647	685	866	909	1453	1588	1329	896	1208	1182	1564	982	1211	994	1389	1948	1418	1218	2091	1288	1589	1719	1383	2351	39,777
Total Registered	943	616	452	358	287	929	1293	1000	1306	2174	375	198	755	897	1085	1267	1714	2083	1618	1067	1570	1460	1953	1169	1496	1043	1651	2544	1778	1570	2810	1523	2001	2333	1671	2770	49,343

County Commissioners, Board Of Education Votes In Durham

	Brookwn School	Carr Junior High School	Ray's Grocery	Mangum School	Carver & Son Building	Y. E. Smith School	Hall School	Forest Hills Clubhouse	Pearsontown School	Hillside High School	Nelson Clubhouse	Bacon Fellowship	Tenth Junction	Edgemont School	E. K. Powe School	Fuller School	Burton School	Glenn School	Durham High School	Northern High School	Oak Grove School	Pearson School	Holloway Street School	Bethesda School	W. Dur. Southside School	Holton Jr. High School	North Durham School	Whitted School	Walltz Street School	Morehead School	Lakewood School	E. Patterson Com. Center	Club Boulevard School	Hillandale School	W. Durham Com. Center	Hope Valley School	Totals
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS																																					
Clements (D)	477	251	155	161	93	345	611	503	847	1509	152	82	339	329	451	587	822	822	690	494	598	857	886	455	554	413	822	1357	749	624	1034	573	916	849	836	1089	22,332
Fowler (D)	385	235	132	138	90	286	525	533	843	1507	133	84	332	276	381	587	813	613	704	397	484	860	781	371	557	337	759	1362	699	620	1080	495	774	792	794	1064	20,223
Kirkland (D)	368	228	130	138	88	277	523	499	847	1515	133	81	323	279	386	593	819	622	657	389	493	862	772	353	550	339	728	1358	685	624	1025	491	748	776	747	1002	20,448
Scarboro (D)	411	234	140	136	92	306	554	496	845	1511	139	83	335	313	425	589	820	730	695	441	540	862	829	410	569	381	762	1352	729	624	1060	535	813	837	807	1060	21,459
Ward (D)	385	240	132	139	90	286	524	481	845	1505	136	85	326	274	369	584	814	614	686	438	489	862	792	376	558	339	744	1347	692	608	1043	507	470	785	756	1008	[illegible]
Blalock (R)	190	105	99	54	47	184	214	166	31	34	90	33	160	196	187	69	21	388	351	230	378	22	256	291	326	243	348	29	272	113	548	382	391	474	335	761	8,018
Kennedy (R)	261	121	114	61	38	237	302	179	33	36	107	32	165	223	223	76	20	549	394	288	479	26	325	372	341	308	389	32	323	126	599	448	502	634	380	923	9,666
Nicholson (R)	283	128	114	82	42	227	312	326	33	33	106	35	188	218	228	82	19	543	482	330	468	25	336	373	378	309	457	36	361	165	701	436	537	636	478	1129	10,637
Simpson (R	244	114	110	61	41	219	267	183	34	3	97	32	169	218	236	72	24	527	395	291	461	26	326	353	339	297	379	34	327	113	559	421	478	631	386	834	9,300
BOARD OF EDUCATION																																					
Chambers (D	382	229	137	124	86	290	525	396	843	1507	188	82	316	296	368	577	814	716	618	414	529	856	816	393	518	362	693	1351	678	580	934	519	725	796	684	892	20,186
Dozier (D)	348	214	124	112	79	263	496	486	843	1505	118	78	309	270	230	578	814	578	659	365	453	854	740	328	546	315	712	1360	659	603	1019	477	702	707	718	978	19,761
Marley (D)	338	213	125	111	82	249	459	385	840	1506	118	78	288	270	351	565	816	563	565	337	439	848	742	306	519	304	645	1355	643	583	972	458	636	672	639	810	18,825
Royall (D)	363	225	125	120	80	273	511	549	844	1510	123	78	336	277	233	578	814	464	696	381	480	857	777	341	561	330	753	1357	678	619	1091	505	735	738	768	1080	20,387
Whitfield (D)	347	220	125	118	83	261	495	365	844	1505	125	78	304	279	346	574	814	593	573	361	453	855	755	432	495	320	648	1354	639	562	880	469	637	700	628	814	18,944
Bartholomew (R)	250	115	110	56	38	215	266	222	30	34	106	31	167	211	246	76	21	529	428	290	456	27	319	362	338	285	418	42	342	132	625	415	499	532	424	925	9,626
Cameron (R)	226	126	102	79	39	198	271	349	36	42	100	35	187	197	370	80	23	428	486	272	416	30	286	334	405	260	448	30	343	181	737	420	525	606	491	1129	10,193
Ferguson (R)	268	128	113	71	38	238	300	294	33	35	106	35	173	213	218	79	21	550	466	316	480	28	336	391	365	331	458	32	349	165	654	428	539	646	473	1072	10,449
Mitchem (R)	229	113	108	59	41	210	245	153	31	34	103	34	160	207	349	76	20	524	361	289	451	25	320	354	312	285	358	29	311	113	527	406	471	578	367	815	8,937
Whiteside (R)	253	124	114	69	41	226	282	266	34	37	108	35	181	210	248	77	22	546	439	308	470	23	327	365	388	293	421	30	342	165	677	451	536	660	459	1056	10,283
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'otal Registered	943	616	452	358	287	929	1293	1000	1306	2174	375	193	755	897	1035	1357	1714	2083	1618	1067	1570	1460	1952	1169	1496	1043	1651	2544	1778	1510	2510	1523	2001	2233	1671	2770	49,343

Octpber 25, 1964

Mr. Allen Bishop, Treasurer
Jefferson County Voters League
318 State Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Re: VEP 4-53 (Special)

Dear Allen:

This will conform our telephone conversation in which you advised that the Jefferson County Voters League will need $ 2,500.00 in support of a "get out the vote" campaign for the November election and an additional $ 1,800.00 for a follow up voter education project.

As I explained to you when I was out there, VEP is not interested in making grants for "get out the vote" programs because it is difficult to keep it from becoming partisan. I recognize the special problem you have in Jefferson and Lincoln counties with your big increase in registration and will attempt to help some. I am also aware of the need for a continuing study of the problems relating to permanent registration in the event the poll tax system is voted out.

We have decided to make a grant of $ 1,750.00 out of the money we were holding in reserve for the statewide Arkansas Voter Project and ear mark it for your project in Jefferson and Lincoln counties. At this late date, I do not see how you could spend more than $ 700 or $ 800 dollars on getting people to the polls and would hope that you could keep the expenditures down to a low figure. If you can hold back on your spending then we will permit you to spread out your balance over the next four or five months in an effort to help us gather information and keep up with every thing that may take place if the permanent registration amendment passes. If the proposed amendment is defeated, then we will have to cancel the unusued portion of your grant.

I gave you a copy of the special instructions which will cover your project when I was out there but I am enclosing another for your files and request that you read it over carefully. I am also enclosing a signature card which I explained on the phone and you should sign it and return to me at once. A supply of Request for Payment forms will be sent under separate cover.

We will work very closely with you on the follow up program in the event the registration amendment passes and since I will be coming back and forth I expect to give your project a lot of personal supervision. I am sure that you understand the restrictions against partisan politics but I again remind you to make sure that none of the people who will be working with you are engaging in any partisan politics or on behalf or against any particular candidate. This will apply even in those cases where there are Negro candidates running.

If there is any thing that you do not understand then please feel free to phone us.

Very truly yours,

Wiley A. Branton

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M E M O R A N D U M January 6, 1965

TO: Wiley A. Branton
FROM: Jean Levine
RE: ~~Final~~ Report of Accounting on VEP 4-53 (special)
(Jefferson County Voters League)

GRANT: $1084.21
(Allocated $1750.00)

Disbursements:

Office Rent	$ 70.00	
Salaries	~~495.00~~ 795.00	
Trav. & Trans.	219.21	
~~PettyCash*~~	~~300.00~~	1084.21

~~*The Petty Cash $300 has never been accounted for.~~

OK WDB.

1/28/65
Grant 224.10

Disbursements:

Salaries	214.00	
Utilities	10.10	224.10

5/20
Grant 510.32

Disbursements:

jl Salaries	295.00	
Office Rent	140.00	
Trav + Trans.	50.00	
Utils	25.32	
		510.32

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March 11, 1966

Mrs. Wallace Alston, Jr.
League of Women Voters of Alabama
Box 191
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Alston:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the League of Women Voters of Alabama for a grant to do work in Lee County, Alabama. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved a voter registration program in the total amount of $200.00 to run from March 21, 1966 to April 26, 1966.

Voter Machine (moving expenses)	$ 120.00
Postage	80.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy

of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank; the Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating a two weeks cash supply for the program. A copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Thursday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, not in behalf of or against any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Research Director, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ,jr./ mm
Enclosure

TO

March 16, 1966

Mrs. Alice S. Alston
P. O. Box 191
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Alston:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms, b) deposit slip to the Auburn Bank Auburn, Alabama, c) copy of our letter to the Auburn National Bank, and d) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due Thursday of each week.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures
(As stated above)

March 16, 1966

Mr. P. C. Hudson
Auburn National Bank
Auburn, Alabama 36830

Dear Mr. Hudson:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $200.00 to be deposited to the account of the League of Women Voters, Auburn, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosure
Ck. $200.00

cc: Mrs. Alice Alston

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF ALABAMA

AFFILIATED WITH THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

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MAR 11 1966

Box 191
Auburn, Alabama
March 19, 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street

Dear Mr. Jordan,

We certainly do appreciate your time and help on Tuesday. Fortunately, all the proper officials have agreed with our plans and we are going ahead with our project. The first location will be the largest Negro Church in Auburn.

The grant request is included and we're assuming that it will be approved. Please let us know as soon as possible for we are going right ahead - "in the red".

I am also including one of our Voter Information sheets for Mrs. Patterson. Could you see that she gets it?

Many thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Alice Alston

Mrs. Wallace Alston, Jr.

REQUEST FOR GRANT FOR VOTER EDUCATION

A. Kind of Program:

1. Area: Voter Education

Justification: Primary election, May 3,1966 - 1200 newly registered voters more than 50% illiterate.

2. Goal: 1. familiarity with voting machine, 2. idea of voting procedure and 3. as much development of voter responsibility as possible.

3. Methods: Demonstration of actual voting machine in six locations in county. Prospective voters to experiment on machine themselves after short explanation of procedure. Also explanation of total voting procedure and some stress on value of voting. As much graphic representation as possible. Posters, model of machine, etc.

B. Where - Lee County, Alabama

C. Who - Auburn, Alabama. League of Women Voters are to carry out total project - aided in publicity, transportation, and personal contacts by East Ala. Council on Human Relations, Voters League, Lee County Ministerial Alliance.

D. Cost: Machine - $90.00
Post cards to newly registered voters - $55.50

E. Time (duration) - March 21 until April 28, 1966.

F. Background:

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65
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The area is dominated locally by the Democrats but went Republican in the last presidential election. Opelika - Lee County is fairly conservative; Auburn, more liberal. An undeterminate number of Negroes have voted. They have never run for public office or held appointive jobs. There is a Voters League made up of a largely Negro membership and an active Council on Human Relations. Registration is on 1st and 3rd Mondays plus certain special days; the hours are from 8 AM to 4 PM. Lee County has never discriminated in the registration of Negro voters. There has been considerable apathy, however, and until recently few have registered. Current total registration is ~~1800.~~ 14,720 Of this number, 1200 have registered in the last year.

YOUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

COMPILED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AUBURN, ALABAMA

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION TELEPHONE 887 - 5234

CITY OF AUBURN

MAYOR - G. H. "MONK" WRIGHT

CITY COUNCIL - MRS. KENNETH ROY, PRESIDENT

1ST WARD - ELMER G SALTER - DUNCAN WRIGHT

2ND WARD - JAMES D. SAMFORD - DR. GEORGE H. BLAKE

3RD WARD - JOHN C. BAILEY, JR. - WILLIAM SMITH

4TH WARD - CARL B. BENSON - DAVID HERBERT

(ALL TERMS EXPIRE IN 1968. OPEN MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL ARE HELD ON 1ST AND 3RD TUESDAYS UPSTAIRS IN THE CITY SERVICE BUILDING. THE ABOVE OFFICIALS ARE ELECTED. ALL OTHER CITY OFFICIALS ARE APPOINTED.)

CITY MANAGER - H. R. THORNTON, JR.

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN - A. J. HILL

WATER BOARD CHAIRMAN - C. R. MEAGHER

ZONING ADJUSTMENT CHAIRMAN - CHARLES P. ANSON

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN - ADMIRAL A. T. SPRAGUE

RECREATION BOARD CHAIRMAN - J. E. BAGWELL

CITY PLANNING COMMISION CHAIRMAN - W. T. DUMAS

HOUSING AUTHORITY CHAIRMAN - R. F. BLAKE

CEMETERY BOARD CHAIRMAN - W. W. WHELCHEL

LEE COUNTY

ALL EXCEPT STARRED ARE ELECTED.

COUNTY JUDGES - 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
JUDGE 1 - ALBERT HOOTEN
JUDGE 2 - DAN BOYD
JUDGE 3 - L. J. TYNER

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - IRA H. WEISSINGER, CHAIRMAN
J. G. ADAMS — W. C. BAKER
W. K. COFIELD — M. B. STILWELL

COUNTY PROBATE JUDGE - IRA H. WEISSINGER

CIRCUIT CLERK - EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, JR.

* COUNTY ATTORNEY - YETTA G. SAMFORD, JR.

SHERIFF - WILLIAM P. RAGSDALE

CORONER - W. H. LEWIS

TAX ASSESSOR - CHARLES INGRAM

TAX COLLECTOR - MRS. SHERWOOD R. BENNETT

* JAILOR - J. B. CARROLL

SCHOOL BOARD - DR. BYRON S. BRUCE, CHAIRMAN
MRS. ALEXANDER NUNN — LYNCH WHATLEY
GODWIN LONG — ROBERT F. BLAKE

(SCHOOL BOARD MEETS:
LAST FRIDAY IN FEBRUARY
2ND TUESDAY AND LAST FRIDAY IN MAY
LAST FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER
LAST FRIDAY IN NOVEMBER.)

STATE OF ALABAMA

GOVERNOR - GEORGE C. WALLACE

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR - JAMES B. ALLEN

SENATOR (27TH DISTRICT)
JOSEPH W. SMITH
BOX 519
PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA

REPRESENTATIVE (LEE COUNTY)
PETE B. TURNHAM
606 MOORES MILL ROAD
AUBURN, ALABAMA

SECRETARY OF STATE - MRS. AGNES BAGGETT

TREASURER - MARY TEXAS HURT GARNER

ATTORNEY GENERAL - RICHMOND FLOWERS

AUDITOR - MRS. BETTYE FRINK

CLERK OF COURT OF APPEALS - CHARLES BRICKEN, JR.

JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS - ANNIE LOLA PRICE, PRESIDING JUDGE

ALL CORRESPONDANCE CAN BE WRITTEN TO THE CAPITOL IN MONTGOMERY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LAST TWO OFFICIALS WHOSE OFFICES ARE IN THE JUDICIAL BUILDING.

UNITED STATES

PRESIDENT - LYNDON B. JOHNSON — DEMOCRAT

VICE PRESIDENT - HUBERT H. HUMPHREY — DEMOCRAT

SENATORS - LISTER HILL — DEMOCRAT
JOHN SPARKMAN — DEMOCRAT

REPRESENTATIVE (3RD DISTRICT) - GEORGE ANDREWS, UNION SPRINGS — DEMOCRAT

UNITED NATIONS

AMBASSADOR - ARTHUR GOLDBERG

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN ALABAMA:

1. U. S. CITIZEN

2. AT LEAST 2L YEARS OF AGE

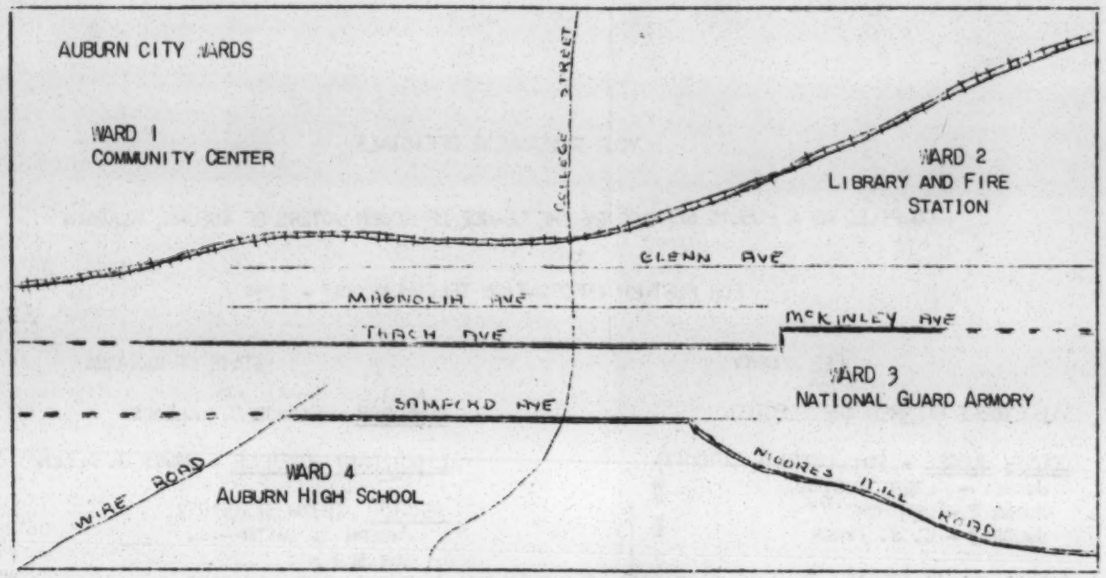
3. RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS:
   A. ONE YEAR IN STATE
   B. SIX MONTHS IN COUNTY
   C. THREE MONTHS IN PRECINCT

4. POLL TAX REQUIREMENTS OF $1.50 MUST BE PAID BETWEEN OCTOBER 1ST AND FEBRUARY 1ST OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR FOR ANY ELECTION AFTER FEBRUARY 1ST. IF YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR THE FIRST TIME OR IF YOU ARE A YEAR OR MORE DELINQUENT IN PAYING YOUR POLL TAX, ONE YEAR'S BACK TAXES PLUS THE CURRENT ONES ARE REQUIRED ($3.00) IN ORDER TO VOTE AFTER THE NEXT FEBRUARY 1ST. PERSONS OVER 45 YEARS OF AGE OR VETERANS OF SOME BRANCH OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES BEFORE L955 ARE EXEMPT FROM POLL TAX REQUIREMENTS.

REGISTRATION FOR VOTING

1. WHERE?
   ACROSS FROM TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE LEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN OPELIKA.

2. WHEN?
   1ST AND 3RD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH FROM 9:00 IN THE MORNING UNTIL 4:00 IN THE AFTERMOON.



LEE COUNTY POLLING PLACES

LOCATION	BEAT
BEULAH - BEULAH EXCHANGE GROCERY	1
OPELIKA DAILY NEWS OFFICE	2
RATCLIFF INSURANCE AGENCY	2
COURTHOUSE IN OPELIKA	2
ALABAMA GAS COMPANY OFFICE - HOSPITALITY OFFICE	2
CITY HALL AND UPSTAIRS IN COURTROOM IN OPELIKA	2
OPELIKA MILLS COMMUNITY CENTER	2
PEPPERELL (CAFETERIA)	2
WILKENSON'S GROCERY (OPPOSITE HOLIDAY INN)	3
WAVERLEY - POPWELL'S GROCERY	4
LOACHAPOKA - LOACHAPOKA GIN COMPANY	5
COMMUNITY CENTER - AUBURN	6
LIBRARY - AUBURN	6
AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL	6
NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY - AUBURN	6
BEAUREGUARD COMMUNITY - BUSH'S STORE	7
SALEM - COLUMBUS HIGHWAY - SMITH'S GROCERY	8
ALABAMA HIGHWAY 169 - MADDEN'S GROCERY	9
MARVYN - INTERSECTION HIGHWAY 37 AND 80 - INGRAM'S BROTHERS GROCERY	10
DUPRIEST STORE - ALABAMA HIGHWAY 87	11
CORBETT'S STORE - HIGHWAY 12	12
MCKEMIE STORE - U. S. HIGHWAY 29 - NORTH OPELIKA	13
SMITH'S STATION - PITTMAN'S STORE - HIGH SCHOOL	14

VOTING IN ALABAMA

1. WHEN?
   POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 8:00 A. M. UNTIL 6:00 P. M. CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

2. WHERE?
   AT WARD OR BEAT LOCATIONS OBTAINED WHEN REGISTERING.

3. HOW?
   BY VOTING MACHINE FOR FEDERAL ELECTIONS AND OTHERWISE BY MARKING PAPER BALLOT.

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING
   SIGN YOUR NAME WHEN IT HAS BEEN CHECKED IN THE REGISTRATION BOOK.

5. ABSENTEE VOTING
   ELECTORS MUST APPLY BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS TO BE PUT ON THE ABSENTEE REGISTRATION LIST, COMPILED EACH MARCH 15. INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO USE ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST APPLY IN WRITING BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS AT LEAST 5 AND NOT MORE THAN 45 45 DAYS BEFORE VOTING TIME. IF YOU RETURN IN TIME TO VOTE AT YOUR LOCAL PRECINCT, YOU MUST STILL USE THE ABSENTEE BALLOT UNLESS YOUR NAME HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ABSENTEE REGISTRATION LIST AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. AN AFFIDAVIT FROM THE VOTER'S SUPERIOR OFFICER, EMPLOYER, ETC. MUST ACCOMPANY THE BALLOT.

Box 191
Auburn, Alabama
March 15, 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan,

I checked with the Auburn National Bank and they gave me these signature cards and deposit envelopes. You keep one card and send the other in with the deposit. Please address them to Mr. P.C. Hudson at the bank.

Thanks so ~~for~~ giving our project so much of your time. The machine is to be installed today, and we're in the midst of all sorts of publicity.

Sincerely,
Alice Alston

INTRA-OFFICE USE ONLY

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Project Director

March 11, 1966

Auburan Albama Chapter
League of Women Voters
Box 191
Auburn, Alabama

March 21, to April 26, 1966

Budget

Voter Machine (Moving Expenses)	$120.00	
Postage	80.00	
		$200.00

REPORT DUE Thursday VEP 66-9

March 23, 1966

Mrs. Wallace Alston, Jr.
League of Women Voters of Alabama
Box 191
Auburn, Alabama

RE: VEP 6-9

Dear Mrs. Alston:

I trust by now the behemoth voting machine is wending its way around Lee County. The Voter Education Project will require from you or your associates an account of its exposure during the five-week grant period.

A minimum of one so-called research report will be sufficient and this should be in our offices shortly after the conclusion of the program on April 26, 1966. This report should include the various locations of the machine, the times it was available for study, the number as accurately as possible of persons who came to see it, and both the methods you used and organizations or persons you cooperated with to give it this exposure. If you develop materials either to publicize it or to explain it we are interested in having copies of these if feasible. We hope also that your report, coming at the conclusion of the program, will to some extent evaluate what you have been able to do and include any observations which might be helpful to others considering a similar program.

Good luck with your program and we look forward to your report.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara Patterson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

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Box 191
Auburn, Alabama
April 14, 1966

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JEP research

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Olive,

My not sending expense vouchers in indicates only that I haven't spent any money. The project is going like mad - We're into our fourth week and the machine moves today to its fifth location. So far about 1400 adults and 500 high school students (all Negro) have been instructed on and used the machine. We're quite excited about it! There will be three more locations after the present one running through April 28.

Someone wrote our local newspaper asking for clippings - I have saved one of each publicity and to send in

my report after the project is over. Is that all right or do you need them sooner?

Sincerely,
Alice Alston

April 28, 1966

Mrs. Alice S. Alston
P. O. Box 191
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Alston:

In compliance with the provisions of our guidelines, we are forwarding a copy of your Bank Reconciliation as of April 19, 1966.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

Box 191
Auburn, Alabama
May 2, 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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MAY 4 1966

Dear Mr. Jordan,

We do feel our project has been a really worthwhile thing - and are already wondering what we could do now - looking toward November. We've done some thinking about television, using Auburn University talent (political science, etc) for something along the lines of voter and citizenship education. What do you think? Could you help?

I must pay two more bills to newspapers - and would like to reimburse our League treasury with what is left over for the Post Card bill.

Thank you all so for all the help you've been to us. I'm looking forward to seeing you and hope that there will be another opportunity for us to work together.

Sincerely,
Alice Alston

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Auburn League of Women Voters

308 BibbStreet
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama 36088
June 13, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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Dear Mr. Jordan:

Mrs. Wallace Alston of Auburn, Alabama, has conferred with me concerning the voter education program which is being developed by the Auburn League of Women Voters for presentation in three thirty minute programs over television networks in Alabama in late September and in October, 1966. I am impressed by what is being proposed. The success of the League in an earlier voter education project in Lee County revealed the competence of those who planned and directed it. I am of the opinion that the proposed effort will be of greater benefit to a larger number of voters throughout the State. As president of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, I commend to you the project which is being developed, and suggest that it be given financial support.

Sincerely,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
President
Alabama Council
on Human Relations

cc: Mrs. Wallace Alston

June 14, 1966

Mrs. Wallace Alston, Jr.
League of Women Voters of Alabama
Box 191
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Alston:

May 18, 1966

In compliance with the provisions of our guidelines, we are enclosing a copy of your Bank Reconciliation as of _____.

We wish for your program every success, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO:nm
Enclosure

Rev. A. L. Wilson
President

Mrs. Josephine Maddox
Secretary

Mr. William Harper
Treasurer

THE LEE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE SPECIAL VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

Dr. Frank E. Steele
Chairman
Phones 745-5261
745-3643

CAMPAIGN OFFICE
1312 Auburn Street
Opelika, Alabama
36801

Rev. R. E. Peters
Director
Phone 745-7201

June 21, 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan,

This is to acknowledge with our thanks the action of the Voter Education Project in approving our program in the amount of $1200.00 for a period of six weeks. As we have indicated before, we agree to be governed by the guidelines of the Voter Education Project in this program.

The First National Bank is the depository for this special account. It is opened for this program and will be closed when this program ends. No other funds of the Voters League will be deposited in this account. We have given the bank your address, 5 Forsyth Street N. W. Atlanta, Ga. 30303, as the only address of this account and we are enclosing the deposit envelopes which the cashier of the bank gave us today for your use in making the deposits. It will be Friday, June 24, 1966 before we can complete our first report of registration under this grant because some of our workers were not as active during the time they were waiting for your decision as they will be now.

Sincerely yours,

R. E. Peters, Director

TO
VEP-30

July 12, 1966

Mrs. Wallace Alston, Jr.
Chairman
Voter Service
League of Women Voters of Auburn
P. O. Box 191
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Alston:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the League of Women Voters of Auburn, for a grant to implement a series of T. V. programs on Citizenship Education, at approximately a sixth grade academic level, in Auburn, Alabama. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $775.00.

Our check in the amount of $775.00 is enclosed. Please sign and return the enclosed receipted carbon copy immediately.

The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Studio Crew	$ 100.00
b)	Film	200.00
c)	Studio (VTR Use & Studio Use)	175.00
d)	Materials	100.00
e)	Publicity	200.00

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your citizenship education activities.

Our Director of Research, Marvin Wall, will write you regarding special reporting requirements to the Project.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:nm
Enclosures

cc: Mrs. J. W. Tamblyn

RECEIPT

Check in the amount of $775.00 received from VEP

on this _____day of _____, 1966.

Signed:_____

Mrs. Wallace Alston, Jr.
Chairman, Voter Service
League of Women Voters of Auburn

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF AUBURN

RECEIVED
JUL 8 1966

P. O. Box 191
Auburn, Alabama
July 5, 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Vernon:

Here is the proposal for our T.V. shows. We're well into the writing of them and excited about the possibilities of the project. The Educational Television folks want to produce them before the fall quarter begins at the University so we'll probably begin production as soon as our scripts are finished. We'll bring them up and would like to talk with Marvin Wall about them - but that will be a few weeks yet! We'll be waiting to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Alice Alston

Mrs. Wallace Alston, Jr.
Voter Service Chairman

Carolyn Tamblyn

Mrs. J. W. Tamblyn
President

P.S. Just talked to you - Thanks
I will be at Union Theological Seminary
in Richmond - 3401 Brook Road.
We'll be staying at 112 Rice Apartments
Do come!

REQUEST FOR VOTER EDUCATION GRANT

I. Kind of Program

The League of Women Voters of Alabama has authorized the Auburn League to produce a series of three television programs dealing with citizenship education at approximately a sixth grade academic level. Our concern for this type of project has developed from the tremendous increase in voter registration especially among poorly educated people. We feel that the potential audience for such programs makes commercial television a valuable means of voter education and one that has not been exploited, at least in Alabama. Our basic format for the three programs will be a quiz, similar to the CBS citizenship quiz. At present we are working on the contents with the help of Dr. C. G. Gomillian of Tuskegee, a committee of three history and political science professors at Auburn University, Dr. E. C. Williamson of the Office of Economic Opportunity in Montgomery, and Mrs. Mary Brooks, a Negro teacher of high school social studies. Various organizations, including the Alabama Council on Human Relations, the Alabama State Coordinating Committee, the Alabama division of the American Association of University Women, and the Alabama Education Association have indicated their support and help in publicity - which we hope to use as extensively as possible. WSFA, the Montgomery NBC station, has offered us time and technical help. The Educational Television station in Auburn will produce our programs charging us only for their "out-of-pocket" costs. Ampex Corporation has agreed to donate audio-visual tapes. We intend to use an integrated cast in the shows, both those leading the quiz, and the studio audience participating. We have divided our program contents into three areas:

1. Voting and Structures of Government;

2. Law Enforcement, the Courts, and Protection of the Individual;

3. Services of Government to the individual, i.e., Welfare, Social Security, Education, City Services, such as sanitation, zoning, etc.

Each program will be made up of practical questions concerning the citizen's relationship and responsibility to these functions of his government - local, state, and federal.

II. Where

WSFA in Montgomery telecasts over an area with a radius of about ninety miles. They indicate that the NBC stations in Mobile, Dothan, Birmingham, Huntsville, and Florence will also give us time to show the tapes. This would give us statewide coverage.

III. Who

The League of Women Voters of Auburn is carrying out the project with the aid of resource people from Auburn University and Tuskegee Institute. A member of our organization has done script writing and is doing ours. ETV is producing the programs. Our League, which is integrated, will probably serve as the studio audience. We are using all possible means of publicity, school superintendents, Alabama Education Association, etc., to reach the public school audience. The Alabama Council on Human Relations, the Alabama State Coordinating Committee, who have pledged a token grant to the project, and all other groups who can and will be used to help in the distribution of publicity and answer sheets among the potential voting audience.

IV. Cost

Production $575.00 - analysis included

Publicity ~~$150.00~~ $200.00

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' TELEVISION CITIZENSHIP TESTS
PROPOSED BUDGET

Studio Crew	$ 100.00	
		$100.00
Film		
Film Stock & Processing (approximately 2, 400 ft.). .	150.00	
Slides.	50.00	
		$200.00
Studio		
VTR Use (3 hours)	75.00	
Studio Use (12 hours) - Includes engineering personnel	100.00	
		$175.00
Materials		
Art Supplies	50.00	
Miscellaneous Production Costs	50.00	
		$100.00
GRAND TOTAL.		$575.00

Publicity _____ 200.00

775.00

V. Time

Three thirty minute programs are planned. The dates and times are not decided, but they probably will be shown on Sunday afternoon (5:30), one in September, two in October. We feel interest will be keenest then, before the November election, and after public schools are in session.

VI. Background

The present political picture in Alabama is rather well-known. We, as a League, feel that any attempt at voter education is self-justifying and that with good publicity through these cooperating organizations, we can reach a large number of voters. The real challenge is to produce programs that are interesting and relevant to the needs of the people. We feel this must be attempted and can be done, especially with help from the Southern Regional Council!

W. C. PATTON, President
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

MRS. LAURA McCRAY, Secretary
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA.

C. W. LEE, Treasurer
MONTGOMERY, ALA.

ALABAMA STATE COORDINATING ASSOCIATION FOR REGISTRATION AND VOTING

1630 NORTH FOURTH AVENUE • ROOM 622
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

JUNE 17, 1966

MISS CAROLYN TAMBLYN, PRESIDENT
LEAGUE OF WOMEN'S VOTERS
POST OFFICE BOX 191
AUBURN, ALABAMA

DEAR MISS TAMBLYN:

FROM YOUR LETTER OF JUNE 13TH IT APPEARS THAT THE AUBURN LEAGUE OF WOMEN'S VOTERS IS PLANNING A PROJECT WHICH I THINK IS WORTHWHILE AND PERHAPS CAN SERVE A ROLE IN VOTER EDUCATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF ALABAMA.

I HAVE MET WITH DR. RODGERS, PRESIDENT OF ASCARV AND WE HAVE AGREED TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OF FIFTY ($50) DOLLARS TO THE PROJECT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, HOWEVER, HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE CHECK MADE AND WHEN IS THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING IT.

I AM SURE YOU WILL GIVE US MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE PROJECT IN TIME THAT WE MAY NOTIFY OUR PEOPLE TO TUNE IN FOR THE PROGRAM.

YOURS TRULY,

W. C. PATTON

WCP/LW

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308 Bibb Street
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama 36088
June 13, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Mrs. Wallace Alston of Auburn, Alabama, has conferred with me concerning the voter education program which is being developed by the Auburn League of Women Voters for presentation in three thirty minute programs over television networks in Alabama in late September and in October, 1966. I am impressed by what is being proposed. The success of the League in an earlier voter education project in Lee County revealed the competence of those who planned and directed it. I am of the opinion that the proposed effort will be of greater benefit to a larger number of voters throughout the State. As president of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, I commend to you the project which is being developed, and suggest that it be given financial support.

Sincerely,

C. G. Gomillion
President
Alabama Council
on Human Relations

cc: Mrs. Wallace Alston

July 13, 1966

Mr. P. C. Hudson
Auburn National Bank
Auburn, Alabama 36830

Dear Mr. Hudson:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $775.00 to be deposited to the account of the League of WomensVoters of Auburn. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

July 27, 1966

Mrs. Wallace Alston, Jr.
Chairman
Voter Service
League of Women Voters of Auburn
P.O. Box 191
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Alston:

We have already discussed the reporting requirements for your television series on Citizenship Education.

Nothing elaborate in the way of reporting will be required.

We have scheduled for August 10 a meeting with some of the league officers regarding the progress of this series and as we have discussed, we would like to get copies of the final product for possible use in other states.

When the series has been completed, we would like a brief narrative report for our files. In this report, we would like for you to describe how the program was planned, written, produced, and publicized. We would like some estimate of the number of people who will see the finished product. We also would like a brief description

of any note-worthy developments in putting together this unique project.

It has been a great pleasure to meet with you and other league officers and we look forward with much interest and excitement to see how the series turns out.

As mentioned previously we stand ready to render any assistance we can from this end. With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

MW/pf

August 26, 1966

Mrs. Phyllis Rea
868 Cary Dr., N.E.
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Rea:

Many thanks to you and the others there for your hospitality. I should have apologized to your husband for turning your home into a meeting place.

I meant to mention that any scripts that are typewritten in draft form should be double or tripple spaced. This will enable us to write in suggested changes without scribbling all over the margins.

It was a great pleasure to meet with you folks. I have talked with Mr. Jordan only briefly since returning and I have just given him a hint that there may be some additional costs involved. We will see how it works out. The project is a challenging one, and you and the others are to be admired for taking it on. I hope to have the opportunity to see all of you again in the future.

With best wishes,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

MW/pf

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JERRY RODEN, JR., Executive Director

LEWIS BLACK, Director, Rural Advancement Project BOB VALDER, Associate Director

September 25, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director of Voter Education
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Vernon:

Thanks for the letter explaining the grant situation concerning the two Voters Leagues here. I am glad that you plan to send a representative to this county sometime in the months ahead. There are obviously some problems among the various community leaders that prevent the maximum effort possible. And it might just be that someone from the outside can bring them together. Certainly both Mrs. Mary Brooks of Auburn and Dr. Frank Steele of Opelika are unusually talented and fine people.
I am saying this much in the hope that you will feel free to advise me or Mrs. Nancy Spears (or my associate Bob Valder) of anything that you may learn which would enable the Council to work more effectively with either or both of these groups. We have good rapport with both to this point and wish to keep that--but at the same time we want to see a lot more people registered than have been so far.

Thanks again and keep up your excellent work. All the reports that I hear on you in our state are good.

Sincerely,

Jerry

Jerry Roden, Jr.

ALABAMA COUNCIL BULLETIN

ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, INC.
Post Office Box 1310
Auburn, Alabama 36830

Bob Valder
Associate Director

October 27, 1966

TUNE IN

The political season is upon us and in keeping with the spirit of the season the League of Women Voters of Auburn has announced a unique, highly original and very informative program. The Auburn League, through a grant from the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council, is preparing a proposed series of three statewide television programs for the purpose of interesting persons in and educating them about our political system.

The first program in this series will be shown this weekend. It will be seen this Saturday, October 29 at 4:00 p.m. on WSFA-TV, Channel 12, Montgomery and at 2:00 p.m. on WMSL-TV, Decatur. This same program will be shown sometime this weekend on the NBC stations in Birmingham and Mobile--persons in these two viewing areas should consult their local listing for the exact time. This first program not only shows how to use a voting machine, what the various forms having to do with voting look like, and various facts of interest to Alabama voters, but it emphasizes the need for interest in voting and the necessity of becoming informed about current issues involving good government.

The second part of this series will deal with the duties of elected officials. It will be shown sometime between November 1 and November 8--probably, but not definitely, on the weekend of the 5th and 6th. Persons interested in seeing this program will need to watch their local NBC listings.

The topic, date and time for the third program in the series have not yet been determined. We hope to have this in a later Bulletin if possible.

"DUAL JUSTICE" MEETING

An interesting project on "Southern Justice" has been occurring across the South this fall, and comes to Alabama in November. This program consists of statewide workshops on "Dual Justice in the Courts--Unconcerned Community," and is a joint project of The Fellowship of the Concerned, the State Councils on Human Relations and the Southern Regional Council. *Alabama's workshop will be held in Montgomery on Tuesday, November 22, 1966. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m.* The site of the meeting has not been determined. We will contact chapter presidents telling them where in Montgomery the meeting will be held and you can find out from them or by writing to ACHR's state office.

The main purpose of the workshop is to better acquaint participants with the legal process on the local, state and federal level. Topics discussed will include the police and minority group relations, the problems and rights of poor clients, state and federal court systems, methods of jury selection, the role of the jury and judge and other similar topics. Some time will be devoted to projects which local citizens can undertake to change things. A session devoted to "We have visited the courts" will provide more ideas for local projects.

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MORE BOOKS AVAILABLE

We wish to call our readers' attention to Books for Equal Education, which is a joint project of the United States National Student Association and the United States Youth Council. It is a non-profit, charitable organization engaged in distribution of college texts and fiction to unaccredited Negro colleges in the southeastern region. The book distribution office is located in Atlanta.

Many of the books received by BEE are not suitable for use at the college level, but are in good condition and perhaps could be utilized in other areas. These materials include: texts in mathematics, science, English and social studies at both the elementary and secondary levels; juvenile fiction; pre-school reading pamphlets and other similar materials. Suggested uses might be: adult literacy programs, Head Start projects, community libraries, and the like. Those interested in the books for such purposes should be forewarned that many of the texts are out-of-date. However, the books have been "culled" so that the ones offered are in good condition -- and many are definitely "quality" books.

There is NO CHARGE for the books, but the recipient is responsible for transportation of them from Atlanta to their final destination. Interested persons should write for a copy of the BEE guidelines. The address is: Shawn Boles, Southern Director Books for Equal Education, 416 Marietta Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

TUNE IN (Continued)

In order for this project to be effective, the telecasts will obviously have to be seen by those persons to whom they are directed, such as unregistered voters and registered voters who, because of apathy or lack of information, do not usually take an intelligent and active part in the election process. It seems to us that all of our Alabama readers might make a special effort to "get the word" to as many people as possible about this week's and future programs. We're sure everyone who sees these telecasts will wish others had seen them too.

SOME JOB STATISTICS

A new report by the U.S. Department of Labor shows that Negro workers, with a jobless rate running twice that of whites, are disproportionately concentrated in the less-skilled, slower-growing occupations. Although this is not really "news" to any of us, the report does document once again that in spite of all the civil rights legislation and anti-poverty programs and other government projects "things" have not changed for many citizens.

The report says that "if they (Negroes) do not gain access to white-collar and skilled jobs at an even faster rate than they have in recent years, they will continue to have more serious employment problems than their white fellow citizens." By 1975 about 12 million new whitecollar jobs will be available--three times the increase in blue-collar jobs. The need for more professional and technical workers will go up 54 percent. The demand for nonfarm laborers will show no increase while the demand for semi-skilled workers will experience only a slight increase.

Another Labor Department report said that Negro unemployment has shown little change in September after deteriorating from April to August. The unemployment rate among Negroes, at 7.8%, was slightly below the 7.9% average for the May-August period. In September the jobless rate for whites was 3.3% and 3.4% in May-August. So the ratio Negro-to-white unemployment continues at 2.4 to 1 -- much more than the 2-to-1 ratio that has existed in recent years. The jobless rate for all civilian workers was down considerably form the 4.4% rate for September 1965, but it was down only three-tenths of a point for Negroes. "The worsened job climate for Negroes in the late spring and summer resulted from inadequate job gains among Negroes in the semi-skilled, unskilled and farm occupations along with a consequent rise in the unemployment level of experienced workers." Where are all these Federal dollars and civil rights acts???

MOBILE CHAPTER REPORTS

The Mobile Council on Human Relations has undertaken a number of new projects in the past year. Some have been original and others similar to those undertaken by other chapters. The main programs have dealt with school desegregation, hospitals, and political education. Their most recent program is a course in Negro History.

Last fall the Mobile chapter did an intensive survey of the practices and policies of hospitals in the area. By using lengthy and detailed questionnaires, by talking to officials and by observing practices in the hospitals they were able to obtain an accurate picture of what was going on. To quote from one of the chapter's monthly newsletters - Generally speaking the information supplied was all quite 'acceptable' in that these hospitals now claim a policy of complete desegregation." Information gathered from this survey was used to help bring the hospitals more into compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The chapter also worked for passage of a referendum for a 3-mill property tax increase for the support of Mobile General Hospital.

School desegregation was a year long program of the chapter. In February the school desegregation committee met and officially got to work. As a result, many parents applied for transfers for their children during the transfer period of April 1-15. Much work was done on this project, but the chapter was not able to achieve its objective of more than token desegregation because Mobile was operating under an old court ordered plan for school desegregation.

One of the most interesting projects was the political education program, also started last fall. A series of "Know Your Government meetings were started with the intention of helping people understand the workings of each level of government and thereby interest them in becoming registered and active voters.

Three meetings were devoted to city government. Topics included the duties of the city commissioners, Mobile's general administrative organization, fire and police protection, water and sewer systems, paving and drainage and the whys and wherefores of housing and urban renewal. Three meetings were devoted to county government with such topics as the school system, and the bureau of pensions and welfare. Other meetings dealt with state and federal government organization. Speakers in this program included Mayor Joseph Langan, Mr. E. C. Doody, Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners, and Dr. C. G. Gomillion of Tuskegee Institute.

Subjects of monthly chapter meetings included: (1) the annual challenge meeting in January with Mr. Paul Anthony, Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council, speaking to over 100 persons; (2) a panel on the most pressing civil rights problems in Mobile; (3) a panel on school desegregation in Mobile County; (4) a general session in May to discuss project and program concerns for the coming year and (5) the annual picnic in June.

This fall the Mobile Chapter has started work on new projects. The October, 1966 meeting started a two-part series on the public school system. Dr. Cranford Burns, Superintendent of the Mobile County School System, spoke about the duties of the State Board of Education, the State Office of Education and local school systems with an explanation of how persons are elected or appointed to local school positions. In November, Mr. William Crane, County School Board member, will explain the work of the local school board and their policies.

In the middle of this month the chapter sponsored an exhibition and sale of the products of the Freedom Quilting Bee at Mobile's Annual Art Fair. The Freedom Quilting Bee, featured in a previous ACHR Bulletin, is a cooperative organized by poor people in Wilcox County. Proceeds from the sale of the products go to the co-op which in turn lends the money at low interest to its members so they can purchase goods for improving their income and their standard

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November 28, 1966

Mrs. W. M. Alston, Jr.
League of Women Voters of Auburn
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Alice:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your weekly report covering disbursements of November 18. An audit of your report indicates that the expenses incurred for our mutual entertainment have not been deducted.

How is the second show coming?

We are always eager to satisfy our grantees.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO:nm

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League of Women Voters Auburn

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS' TELEVISION CITIZENSHIP TESTS
PROPOSED BUDGET

Studio Crew	$ 100.00	
		$100.00
Film		
Film Stock & Processing (approximately 2,400 ft.). .	150.00	
Slides.	50.00	
		$200.00
Studio		
VTR Use (3 hours)	75.00	
Studio Use (12 hours) - Includes engineering personnel	100.00	
		$175.00
Materials		
Art Supplies	50.00	
Miscellaneous Production Costs	50.00	
		$100.00
GRAND TOTAL.		$575.00

Auburn
League of
Women
Voters

... A Job For You and Me

VIDEO	AUDIO
CAMERA OPENS ON FOLKSINGER WITH GUITAR ON HIGH STOOL SPOTLIGHT FOR DRAMATIC, NITE CLUB EFFECT	FOLKSINGER, (PLAINTIVE BOB DYLAN TUNE, BLOWING IN WIND) When people set to build themselves a land where freedom rings, They give themselves an equal share of riches freedom brings They give themselves an equal share of liability, That no one man can thus impose a reign of tyranny. We were born of revolution but revolt has been deterred. The voice of the people now instead of guns is heard No hard and reckless leader can upon us force his way He answers to the people now on each election day. America is the land of the free. Where voting people have the right to choose what right shall be. America's strength is the ballot of her people The ballot is the privilege of the free And voting is a job for you and me.
AS CREDITS FINISH, CAMERA DOLLIES INTO MEDIUM AND CU ON FOLKSINGER, PANNING DOWN TO DRUM BESIDE HIM	MUSIC DOWN TO HUM VOICE: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed-- FADE OUT
CAMERA FADES INTO GROUP OF WOMEN PLAYING BRIDGE. LONG SHOT..HIGH ANGLE TO ELIMINATE NEED FOR OTHER BACKBROUND.. DOLLY IN FOR CU ON WOMENS' FACES AS THEY BEGIN THEIR SECOND ROUND OF CONVERSATION	ONE: I pass. Let's hurry. The children will be here soon. They want the living room for a club meeting. TWO: Whatever happend to that new Rec Center they were going to build? One spade.

VIDEO

AUDIO

THREE: Pass. They have to vote on it, don't they?

FOUR: Don't ask me. My kids hold their meetings at school. Three diamonds.

ONE: She jumped four spades! We need two new schools in this town--bad. Why don't they do something about it?

TWO: Costs money. Three spades.

THREE: Where do our taxes go? Notice how high meat is this month? Pass, pass, pass!

FOUR: Meat's too high; milk's too high. Food's too high. That about four hearts?

ONE: Pass. Someone ought to do something about it.

TWO: It's the Legislature. Four diamonds. They're responsible. I'm glad I didn't vote for any of them. Now I don't have to take the blame.

THREE: You mean you didn't vote for that good-looking Senator Whats-his-name? I thought you said--hey, she said four hearts. You have to bid five.

TWO: I forgot to register. Okay. Five diamonds

FOUR: I'm registered, but I didn't vote. What's the use? My Husband was for the other fellow. We knew we'd cancel each other out, so neither of us went to the polls. Five bid already?

CU

ONE: Well, I wish someone would do something about something. I pass. I'm sick to death of

VIDEO	AUDIO
	ONE (CON'T): high prices and crowded schools and inflation and no recreation for the kids and--
CU, PANNING TO CARDS AND HANDS	TWO: Politics, politics! It's all mixed up with politics. . . It's not my turn.
ON DOWN TO RADIO	THREE: Then why doesn't someone do something?
CU ON RADIO	RADIO: And remember to vote, ladies and gents. And now. . .
HANDS TURN OFF RADIO CAMERA PANS SLOWLY BACK TO HANDS AND FACE OF WOMAN	FOUR: I pass.
DISSOLVE INTO OFFICE SCENE. ONE DESK, MESSY WITH PAPERS. TELEPHONE. CAMPAIGN BUMPER STICKER ON TABLE. TWO JANITORS, ONE YOUNG, "TWO" ELDERLY WITH BROOMS AND DUSTCLOTHS	ONE: Now this fellow doesn't like anything on his desk touched. Guess his secretary does the dusting when it needs it.
	TWO: Hope I won't get anything mixed up.
	ONE: How are you going to get anything mixed up? All you've got to do is sweep the floors and dust most of the desks.
	(THEY WORK SILENTLY)
	TWO: How long you been here?
	ONE: Just since I got out of the Army. About a month. I figured it would take me that long to line up something decent.
	TWO: You getting paid lots more by that Construction Company?
	ONE: You bet! And the wages are going up. I read in the paper just last night that--
	TWO: How much education have you got?
	ONE: I finished high school. Didn't you?

VIDEO	AUDIO
PICKS UP BUMBER STICKER	TWO: No. I can't even read. But I can write my name. Bessie, she's my daughter; Bessie taught me to do that befor we moved into town. Are you going to vote?
	ONE: Vote? I hadn't thought about it. All I've been thinking about is how I could maybe go to college--
	TWO: Things have changed since you've been gone.
	ONE: That's right. No more poll taxes, no more long registration forms. Do you think more people will vote?
	TWO: There are a lot registered...but I don't know--people don't seem too interested. They made a big fuss registering but--
	ONE: Wonder if it's too late for me to register?
	TWO: And like me, a lot of folks are ashamed to have anyone know they can't read or write.
	ONE: Guess it doesn't make much difference, anyhow...
PUTS DOWN BUMBER STICKER	TWO: Probably not. Things always seem to stay about the same...
CAMERA FOLLOWS MEN AS THEY SEEM TO RUSH TO SINDOW TO LOOK FOR SOUND BELOW	SOUND UP, AS IF FROM A LOUDSPEAKER TRUCK
CAMERA PANS BACK TO DESK. IN A FEW SECONDS THREE MEN, OBVIOUSLY THE BOSSES, ENTER	ONE: Here it is--knew I left it someplace. Now, let me make that call and we'll be ready
RIFLES THRU MESS ON DESK TO FIND PAPER. PICKS UP PHONE	to bowl. (DIALS PHONE) Jim?... Bob. Can't believe I got you the first time! Guess I

VIDEO

AUDIO

ONE (CON'T): ought to conduct all my business after five, huh? (LAUGHS) Listen, I'm ready to place that order...What? Man, you can't do that! It's highway robbery! Sure, I heard it was coming up, but I couldn't act any faster... yes, I've got to have it. Okay. (SLAMS DOWN PHONE) Bureucrats! They've done it again!

TWO: Done what--and how?

ONE: How do I know how or what, either. It's in all the papers--raising prices on materials, stopping the flow of money. Those rascals have got to be stopped!

THREE: You voted for 'em, didn't you?

TWO: What's voting got to do with--

ONE: Are you kidding? Those guys in Washington run the whole show. Now when the other party was in...

THREE: Happy days are here again...

ONE: Huh! I was out of town during the electio When I saw what had happened...

TWO: How about that Senator Urbanberg...first thing he did was to introduce a bill to upanbrackamawhything and the whole Congress passed it'.

ONE: And who pays? We do. Look at that guy from Suberbiaurpia who's trying to get the Foreign Relations Committee to finagle the tamanycommishrun appropriation through!

VIDEO	AUDIO
	THREE: I thought he belonged to your party.
	ONE: If he does, I didn't vote for him. I'm proud to say I haven't voted in an election since I voted against FDR.
	THREE: So what gives you the right to criticize?
	ONE: It's a free country, isn't it? I tell you, if I was up there, I'd knock me a bunch of heads together and-- (PICKS UP BUMPER STICKER) Where'd this come from?
	TWO: Now there is a rascal! He's got about as much sense as a three year old!
	THREE: He seems to be pretty popular around here
	ONE: Local politics! It's those guys in Washington you've got to watch.
	THREE: Who's his opposition?
	TWO: Some fellow from--I don't know--I haven't kept up with it. Come on, you guys, let's get out to the bowling alley.
	THREE: My wife's expecting me. Have a good game. See you at the polls!
	ONE: You kidding? I'm going fishing!
	TWO: I'll be out of town on business.
	THREE: (SNAPPING FINGERS): Well, like they say in the movies, Ha, ha!
CUT TO SEWING MACHINE ROOM. THREE, FOUR MACHINES, WOMEN. LONG SHOT TO MEDIUM TO CU ON PEOPLE, ACTION.	ONE: Here's that thing I promised you about voting. (HANDS WOMAN A PIECE OF PAPER)
	TWO: I don't think I'll need it.
	ONE: Why not? Didn't you register?

VIDEO	AUDIO
THROUGHOUT THIS BOSS COULD BE IN B.G....JUST AS HE STARTS TO COME OVER TO THEM THEY START TO SEW...FAST.	TWO: It was so late by the time I got down there...the line was so long, and I had to fix supper for the kids.
	One: But you only have to register once. Voting is important!
	THREE: Too much publicity...makes me feel nervous.
SHE LOOKS BACK OVER HER SHOULDER.	FOUR: Once I thought I saw the boss.
	ONE: So what? He had to register once, too.
THEY DO A LOT OF TALKING IN WHISPERS	THREE: I don't want to get in any trouble.
BOSS COULD BE ONE OF THE MEN IN THE OFFICE SCENE (NUMBER THREE)	ONE: That's why it's so important to register and vote. Trouble's out in the street--not in the voting machine.
	TWO: What good's my little vote going to make?
	ONE: It takes a lot of little votes to make a big vote. If everybody felt that way--
	THREE: What does it change? I voted last time. My man didn't win.
	ONE: Your man is still in politics. He knows how many people supported him. He can help with a lot of things. Good laws...
	TWO: They never do what they say they're going to do.
	ONE: Then maybe the right person hasn't been elected yet. If you took the first step and registered...and paid attention to the issues... you might find yourself qualifying to run!
	TWO: Wouldn't that be something! A woman president!

VIDEO	AUDIO
BOSS NOW DOES ENTER SCENE, AND ALL MACHINES GO AT BREAKNECK SPEED.	WHIR...WHIR...WHIR...WHISPER TO MATCH ABRUPT STOP
FADE INTO FOLKSINGER SPOTLITED	FOLKSINGER: How many times will a man criticize Before he will go to the polls? How many times before a man realize the answer if going to the polls... The answer, my friend, the answer my friend, The answer, is going to the polls....
CU ON FOLKSINGER, WHO LOOKS INTO CAMERA	(HALF SPOKEN) But first, you've got to register!
	VARIOUS VOICES:
CUT TO SLIDES INDIVIDUAL FACES, CU ASKING QUESTIONS. FROWNS, ETC.	Where do I register?
	How do I register?
polaroid transparencies or 35mm b/w reversal	How long do you have to be in Alabama to register
	Where do I vote?
	How do you use that machine thing?
	Can somebody help me?
	SINGLE VOICES:
	Help me
	Help me
	help me.
	FOLKSINGER: Before anyone can vote for the first time, he must register. The registrars' office is not open all the time or the same times in every county. You must find out when and where your Board of Registrars meet.
CU SLIDE PROBATE JUDGE'S OFFICE	The Probate Judge's Office, in the County Courthouse is the place to start.

VIDEO	AUDIO
SLIDES: CU OF VARIOUS COUNTY COURTHOUSES THROUGH* OUT THE STATE	FOLKSINGER CON'T: There are 67 courthouses in the State of Alabama. One for every county. Ask your minister or someone else to help you or look up the telephone number of your court-house. Under that listing, you will find "Probate Judge."
CU SLIDE, WOMAN REGISTRAR ON PHONE	WOMAN'S VOICE: In this county, the Board of Registrars meets on the first and third Monday of each month. We'll be in room 213 between 9 and 5.
	FOLKSINGER: Other counties meet at other times and sometimes there are extra days.
CUT TO: CAMERA ON REGISTRARS' TABLE... SIMULATE REGULAR SCENE. THE PEOPLE IN LINE ARE THE ONES WE HAVE SEEN PREVIOUSLY. SOME MAYBE FILLING OUT FORMS, OTHERS BEING GIVEN FORMS OR TALKING TO OTHER REGISTRARS.	REGISTRAR: (SAME AS IN PICUTRE) You'll have to fill out this form.
	YOUNG ARMY JANITOR: Is that all? I read there is no more poll tax for any election. Is that true?
	REGISTRAR: That's right. No more poll tax. Never was for service man, anyway.
YOUNG MAN IS FILLING OUT FORM AS HE TALKS	ARMY MAN: Do I have to put doen whether I'm a Republican or Democrat?
	REGISTRAR: Not in Alabama. In some states you do, but not here.
	ARMY MAN: Will I ever have to register again?
	REGISTRAR: Not unless you move to another state..or another county..or another address.
	ARMY MAN: I didn't think it would be so easy.
	REGISTRAR: Here's your registration certificate.

VIDEO	AUDIO
	REGISTRAR CON'T: It's proof that you're a registered voter. It's a good idea to keep it in your wallet.
	ARMY MAN: You mean I have to have it when I vote?
	REGISTRAR: Not unless someone made a mistake and left your name off the voting list. (LOOKS AT NEXT ONE IN LINE, ONE OF BRIDGE WOMEN.) May I help you?
	WOMAN: Ive voted in two other states, California and New York. Do I need to register again?
	REGISTRAR: Yes, you do. Have you lived in Alabama a year?
	WOMAN: Two years.
	REGISTRAR: Have you been in this county for six months?
	WOMAN: We moved here...let's see...in June four months ago.
	REGISTRAR: I'm sorry, but you must live in the county for six months and in your beat or precinct for three months.
	WOMAN: But I know who I want for governor.
	REGISTRAR: I'm sorry, but you can't vote unless you've lived in the town and county six months.
ELDERLY JANITOR WITH DAUGHTER	JANITOR: I want to register, but I can't read. Can my daughter read that paper to me?
	REGISTRAR: Yes, she can. And I'll explain any of the questions if you need more help.

VIDEO	AUDIO
SLIDE CU ON FORM	REGISTRAR: (READS EACH QUESTION SEPARATELY)
	VOICE FROM LINE: What happens when he tries to vote if he can't read?
	REGISTRAR: His daughter may help him at that time or any of the election officials will help him.
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	REGISTRAR: (EXPLAINS) Also Army... You must put your name on a list at the Probate Judge's Office by March 15th and they will explain.
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	REGISTRAR: You will have to get in touch with the Probate Judge at the Courthouse.
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	Every citizen who votes--whether it is for a single person to fill an important office in city, state or national government--or whether it is to decide an important question like spending tax money to build new schools and hospitals, or to make new laws--every person needs to know who and what he is voting for.
SLIDES: POLITICAL RALLIES AND SPEECHES	It's easy to find out what a man stands for by listening to his political speeches....by reading the newspaper....by listening to radio and watching television...and by talking to your friends and neighbors. You should have your mind made up long before you walk into the voting booth--and you should always vote the way you feel is right--that is the power of our democratic form of government.
	You should find out about the ammendments and issues on your ballot the same way you find out about the candidates. Laws are made by the people--either through your individual vote or by the representatives you elect.
CU SLIDE SAMPLE BALLOT	To make sure you will not be confused on election day, mark a sample ballot and take it with you to your polling place. You can get a

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	FOLKSINGER CON'T: Sample ballot from the Courthouse or cut one from the newspaper. It's a good way to keep from making mistakes--and it will save you ~~much~~ a lot of time.
CUT BACK TO FOLKSINGER	Shortly before the election the names of all registered voters are printed in the paper. Each voter is listed under his precinct or beat, and by his box--or voting place.
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	X-ARMY GUY: Jones, Harrison T. Jones.
ELECTION OFFICIAL CHECKS WITH OTHER OFFICIAL, FOR BOTH TO CHECK BOOK	ELECTION OFFICIAL: (LOOKS AT OTHER OFFICIAL) Harrison T. Jones, 2113 Elm. Sign here, please.
JONES SIGNS BOOK, WALKS TOWARD BACK, AS NEXT PERSON COMES TO TABLE CUT TO SLIDES: JONES ON OUTSIDE OF VOTING BOOTH	FOLKSINGER: Some people vote with paper ballots. ~~We'll talk about them later--But most~~ We'll talk about them later--But most voters now use voting machines. The first thing to do when you walk into the voting booth, is to push the red lever which pulls the curtain.
SLIDE: LEVER	Now, hold up your sample ballot and match the names on the machine. Pull the lever to the right, next to the candidates for which you wish to vote.
SLIDE: INSIDE BOOTH CU ON BALLOT	If you make a mistake and pull the wrong lever you can push it back up and vote for the person you meant to, by pulling the correct lever. Push the red lever again, to open the curtains. This adds your vote to the totals in the back of the machine.
SLIDE TO FIT COPY	But an election official must pull a handle to count your vote before the next person can work the machine.
	And no one--no one is able to tell how you voted.
CAMERA BACK TO VOTING TABLE	ELECTION OFFICIAL: But your name isn't on the list.
	WOMAN: And I left my registration certificate at home. Won't I be able to vote?
	ELECTION OFFICIAL: If your name is on the book

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	ELECTION OFFICIAL CON'T: of registered voters at the courthouse, you will. Let me call them and see. (PICKS UP PHONE) Will you check out
	WOMAN: Ethel L. Smith, 121 Maple.
	ELECTION OFFICIAL: Ethel L. Smith, 121 Maple (WAITS) All right, thank you. (HANGS UP PHONE) Mistakes do happen...yes, you're on the list. Sign here, please.
CU ON REGISTRATION BOOKS AT POLLING PLACE. WRITING IN NAMES, SIGNING NAME.	(SAME BUSINESS AS BEFORE)
WOMAN WALKS OFF TOWARD BOOTH	VOICE: You probably notice a few extra people on hand, while you're waiting. Some of these are "poll watchers." They're here to try to see that no election laws are broken...
REPEAR OF VOTING PROCEDURE USING SLIDES	FOLKSINGER'S VOICE: Pull the read lever to close the curtain.
CU	Pull the levers for the candidates you want.
CU	Pull the levers for "Yes" or "No" on the ammendments.
CU	Pull the red lever to open the curtain and record your vote.
CU	Let the election official pull the handle to count your vote and let the next person into the booth.
	If your polling place does not have a machine,
SLIDE: CU ON PAPER BALLOT	your ballot will look like this.
	The election official will give you a pencil and you must mark an "X" next to the names of the persons for whom you wish to vote. The

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	FOLKSINGER'S CON'T: election officials will help you if you need help.
CAMERA ON FOLKSINGER	When the election is over, the votes are counted. The voting machine automatically totals the votes and the election officials open the back of the machine to copy off those totals. They tack one copy on the front door of the polling place and send another to the Courthouse where all the votes from all the machines, and all the votes from the paper ballots are counted.
	Newspaper, radio and television reporters are there to report the results back to their headquarters, and soon everybody knows who won and who lost and what laws were passed.
	Voting is a privilege--but it is more than that. It is a duty of citizenship. You put politicians in office. But you help elect those who run your government whether you vote or not. If you don't vote, you increase the chances of getting someone into office who may not be good.
	SINGS:
	When people set to build themselves a land where freedom rings, They give themselves an equal share of riches freedom brings They give themselves an equal share of liability, that no one man can thus impose a reigh of tyranny.
ANY CREDITS NECESSARY FOR CONCLUSION	We were born of revolution but revolt has been deterred The voice of the people now instead of guns is heard ETC., FADE OUT

LIKE VOTE, MAN!

VIDEO	AUDIO
CAMERA OPENS ON FOLKSINGER WITH GUITAR ON HIGH STOOL SPOTLIGHT FOR DRAMATIC, NITE CLUB EFFECT	FOLKSINGER, (PLAINTIVE BOB DYLAN TUNE, BLOWING IN WIND)
	How many times does a man search the skies
	And weep for the trouble he's known...
	How many times does a man criticise
	The folks who're elected. And moan.
	And how many times does a man just not care
	The burden of good government to bear?
	This very same man...and yet this same man
	This man has never voted at the polls.
	How many times does a man who is wise
	Forget to go to the polls?
	And how many times is the vote a surprise
	Because he neglected the polls?
	When will man know that it's all up to him
	to keep freedom's torch from growing dim?
	The answer, my friends, is voting at the polls;
	The answer is voting at the polls.
	MUSIC DOWN TO HUM
AS CREDITS FINISH, CAMERA DOLLIES INTO MEDIUM AND CU ON FOLKSINGER, PANNING DOWN TO DRUM BESIDE HIM	VOICE: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed--

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CU ON DRUM, HANDS BEATING OUR RHYTHM	VOICES: Like vote, man, you gotta vote! Like vote, man, you gotta vote! Like vote, man FADE OUT
CAMERA FADES INTO GROUP OF WOMEN PLAYING BRIDGE. LONG SHOT..HIGH ANGLE TO ELIMINATE NEED FOR OTHER BACKGROUND..	ONE: I pass. Let's hurry. The children will be here soon. They want the living room for a club meeting.
DOLLY IN FOR CU ON WOMENS' FACES AS THEY BEGIN THEIR SECOND ROUND OF CONVERSATION	TWO: Whatever happend to that new Rec Center they were going to build? One spade.
	THREE: Pass. TheyPhave to vote on it, don't they?
	FOUR: Don't ask me. My kids hold their meetings at school. Three Diamonds.
	ONE: She jumped four spades! We need two new schools in this town--bad. Why don't they do something about it?
	TWO: Costs money. Three spades.
	THREE: Where do our taxes go? Notice how high meat is this month? Pass, Pass, Pass!
	FOUR: Meat's too high; milk's too high. Food's to high. What about four hearts?
	ONE: Pass. Someone ought to do something about it.
	TWO: It's the Administration. Four diamonds. They're responsible. I'm glad I didn't vote for any of them. Now I don't have to take the blame.
	THREE: You mean you didn't vote for that good-looking Senator Whats-his-name? I thought you said--hey, she said four hearts. You have to bid five.
	TOW: I forgot to register. Okay. Five diamonds.
	FOUR: I'm registered, but I didn't vote. What's the use? George was voting against me. Since we

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	FOUR (CONT): canceled each other out, neither of us went to the polls. Five bid already?
CU	ONE: Well, I wish someone would do something about something. I pass. I'm sick to death of high prices and crowded schools and inflation and no recreation for the kidss and--
CU, PANNING TO CARDS AND HANDS	TWO: Politics, politics! It's all mixed up with politics. .. It's not my turn.
ON DOWN TO RADIO	THREE: Then why doesn't someone do something?
CU ON RADIO	RADIO: Like vote, man, you gotta vote, Like vote man, you gotta vote, Like vote, man.....
HANDS TURN OFF RADIO CAMERA PANS SLOWLY BACK TO HANDS AND FACE OF WOMAN	(DRUM BEAT, VOICES)
	FOUR: I pass.
DISSOLVE INTO OFFICE SCENE. ONE DESK, MESSY WITH PAPERS. TELEPHONE. CAMPAIGN BUMPER STICKER ON TABLE. TWO JANITORS, ONE YOUNG, "TWO" ELDERLY WITH BROOMS AND DUSTCLOTHS	ONE: Now this fellow doesn't like anything on his desk touched. Guess his secretary does the dusting when it needs it.
	TWO: Hope I won't get nothin' mixed up.
	ONE: How you going to get anything mixed up? All you've got to do is sweep the floors and dust most of the desks.
	(THEY WORK SILENTLY
	TWO: How long you been here?
	ONE: Just since I got out of the Army. 'Bout a month. I figured it's take me that long to line up something decent.
	TWO: You getting paid lots more by that Construction Company?
	ONE: You bet! And the wages are going up. I

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	ONE (CONT): read in the paper just last night that—
	TWO: How much education you got, boy?
	ONE: I finished high school. Didn't you?
PICKS UP BUMPER STICKER	TWO: Naw. I can't even read. But I can write my name. Bessie, that's my daughter, she taught me to do that 'for we moved into town. You fixin' to vote?
	ONE: Vote? I hadn't thought about it.
	TWO: Things have changed since you've been gone.
	ONE: That's right. No more poll taxes, no more long registration forms. Reckon more folks are gonna vote?
	TWO: Lot's registered...but I dunno...folks don't seem too interested. Made a big ~~show~~ fuss registerin, but—
	ONE: Wonder if it's too late for me to register?
	TWO: And like me, a lot of folks is shamed to have anyone know they can't read or write.
	ONE: GUess it doesn't make much difference, anyhow...
PUTS DOWN BUMPER STICKER	TWO: Prob'ly not. Things always seem to stay 'bout the same...
	SOUND UP, (DRUM BEAT) Like vote, man, you gotta vote! Like vote, man, you gotta vote! Like vote, man—
CAMERA FOLLOWS MEN AS THEY SEEM TO RUSH TO WINDOW TO LOOK FOR SOUND BELOW	
CAMERA PANS BACK TO DESK. IN A FEW SECONDS THREE MEN, OBVIOUSLY THE BOSSES, ENTER	ONE: Here it is—knew I left it someplce. Now, let me make that call and we'll be ready to bowl.

VIDEO

RIFLES THRU MESS ON DESK
TO FIND PAPER. PICKS UP PHONE

AUDIO

ONE (CONT) (DIALS PHONE) Jim?....Bob. Can't believe I got you the first time! Guess I ought to conduct allmy business after five, huh? (LAUGHS) Listen, I'm ready to place that order...What? Man, you can't do that! It's highway robbery! Sure, I heard it was coming up, but I couldn't act any faster...yes, I've got to have it. OKAy.

SLAMS DOWN PHONE

Washington Bureucrats! They've dome it again!

TWO: Done what—and how?

ONE: How do I know how or what, either. It's in all the papers—raising prices on materials, stopping the flow of money. Those rascals have got to be stopped!

THREE: You voted for 'em, didn't you?

TWO: What's voting got to do with—

ONE: Are you kidding? Those birds in Washington run the whole show. Now when the other party was in...

THREE: Happy days are here again...

ONE: Huh! I was out of town during the election. When I woke up and sawwhat had happened...

TWO: How about that Senator Urbanberg...first thing he did was to introduce a bill to upanbrackamawhythin and the whole congress passed it!

ONE: And who pays? We do. Look at that guy from Suberbiaurpia who's trying to get the Foreign Relations Committe to finaglethe tamanycommish-run appropriation through!

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	THREE: I thought he belonged to your party.
	ONE: If he does, I didn't vote for him. I'm proud to say I haven't voted in an election since I voted against FDR.
	THREE: So what gives you the right to criticize?
	ONE: It's a free country, isn't it? I tell you, if I was up there, I'd knock me a bunch of heads together and PICKS UP BUMPER STICKER Where'd this come from?
	TWO: Now there is a rascal! He's got about as much sense as a three year old!
	THREE: He seems to be pretty popular around here.
	ONE: Local politics! It's those birds in Washington you've got to watch.
	THREE: Who's his opposition?
	TWO: Some fellow from one of the northern counties. I haven't kept up with it. COMe on, you guys, let's get out to the bowling alley.
	THREE: My wife's expecting me. Have agood game. See you at the polls!
	ONE: You kidding? I'm going fishing!
	TWO: I'll be out of town on business.
	THREE: SNAPPING FINGERS: Like vote, man, you gotta vote. Like vote, man, you gotta vote. Like vote, man.
CUT TO SEWING MACHINE ROOM. THREE, FOUR MACHINES, WOMEN. LONG SHOT TO MEDIUM TO CU ON PEROPLE, ACTION.	ONE: Here's that thing I promised you about voting. (HANDS WOMAN PIECE OF PAPER)
	TWO: I don't think I'll need it.

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THROUGHOUT THIS BOSS COULD BE IN B.G....JUST AS HE STARTS TO COME OVER TO THEM THEY START TO SEW...FAST.	ONE: Why not? Didn't you register?
	TWO: It was so late by the time I got down there...the line was so long, and I had to fix supper for the kids.
	ONE: But you only have to register once. Voting is important!
	THREE: Too much publicity...makes you feel like a monkey
SHE LOOKS BACK OVER HER SHOULDER.	FOUR: All those cameras. Once I thought I saw the boss.
	ONE: So what? He had to register once, too.
THEY DO A LOT OF TALKING IN WHISPERS	THREE: Makes you feel like you're in one of those marches. I don't want to cause trouble.
BOSS COULD BE ONE OF THE MEN IN THE OFFICE SCENE (NUMBER THREE)	ONE: That's why it's so important to register—and vote. Trouble's out in the street—not in in the voting machine.
	TWO: What good's my little vote going to make?
	ONE: It takes a heap of little votes to make a big vote. If everybody felt that way—
	THREE: What does it change? I voted last time. My man didnt win.
	ONE: Your man is still in politics. He knows how many people supported him. He can help with a lot of things. Good laws...
	TWO: They never do what they say they're going to do.
	ONE: Then maybe the right person hasn't been elected yet. If you took the first step—and registered...and paid attention to whom you

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	ONE (CONT): were voting for, and the issues... ~~you~~ you might find yourself qualifying to run!
	TWO: Wouldn't that be something! A woman president!
BOSS NOW DOES ENTER SCENE, AND ALL MACHINESGO AT BREAKNECK SPEED.	WHIR...WHIR..WHIR.. WHISPER TO MATCH
	You've gotta vote...man! you've gotta vote! You've gotta vote!man —
	ABRUPT STOP
	SOUNDS OF LAUGHTER, LIKE IN ANITE CLUB... CLINKING OF GLASSES...
FADE INTO FOLKSINGER SPOTLITED	FOLKSINGER: How many times will a man criticise
	Before he will go to the polls?
	How many times before a man realize
	The answer is going to the polls...
	The answer, my friedn, the answer my friend,
	The answer, is going to the polls....
CU ON FOLKSINGER, WHO LOOKS INTO CAMERA	HALF SPOKEN: But first, you've got to register!
	ALL VOICESY
	Resgistrdr, Register, Register, Register!
CUT TO SLIDES INDIVIDUAL FACES, CU ASKING QUESTIONS. FROWNS, ETC.	VARIOUS VOICES
	Where do I register?
polaroid transparencies or 35mm b/w reversal	How do I register?
	How long do you have to be inAlabama to register
	Where do I vote?
	How do you use that machine thing?
	Can somebody help me?
	ECHO VOICES:
	Help me, help me, help me, help me.

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	FOLKSINGER: Before anyone can vote for the first time, he must register. The registrars' office is not open all the time or the same times in every county. You must find out when and where your Board of Registrars meet.
CU SLIDE PROBATE JUDGE	The Probate Judge's Office, in the County Courthouse is the place to start.
SLIDES: CU OF VARIOUS COUNTY COURTHOUSES THRUOUT STATE	There are 67 courthouses in the state of Alabama. One for every county. Look up the telephone number of your county courthouse. Under that listing, you will find "Probate Judge."
CU SLIDE, WOMAN ON PHONE	WOMAN'S VOICE: We meet on the first and third Monday of each month. We'll be in room 213 between 9 and 5.
CUT TO: CAMERA ON REGISTRARS' TABLE...SIMULATE REGULAR SCENE. THE PEOPLE IN LINE ARE THE ONES WE HAVE SEEN PREVIOUSLY SOME MAY BE FILLING OUT FORMS, OTHERS BEING GIVEN FORMS OR TALKING TO OTHER REGISTRARS.	REGISTRAR: (SAME AS IN PICTURE) You'll have to fill out this form YOUNG ARMY JANITOR: Is that all? No poll tax? REGISTRAR: No poll tax. Never wasfor service men, anyway.
YOUNG MAN IS FILLING OUT FORM AS HE TALKS	ARMY MAN: Don't I have to put down whether I'm a Republican or Democrat? REGISTRAR: Not inAlabama. In some states, but not here. ARMY MAN: WILL I ever have to register again? REGISTRAR: Not unless you move to another state.. or county...or another address. ARMY MAN: I didn't think it would be so easy.

VIDEO

AUDIO

REGISTRAR: Here's your registration certificate. ~~Its~~ It's proof that you're a registered voter. It's a good idea to keep it in your wallet.

ARMY MAN: You mean I have to have it when I vote?

REGISTRAR: Not unless someone made a mistake and left your name off the voting list.(LOOKS AT NEXT ONE IN LINE, ONE OF BRIDGE WOMEN.) May I help you?

WOMAN: I've voted in two other states, California and New York. Do I need to register again?

REGISTRAR: Yes, you do. Have you lived in Alabama a year?

WOMAN: Two years.

REGISTRAR: Have you been in this county for six months?

WOMAN: We moved here...let's see...in June—four months ago.

REGISTRAR: I'm sorry, but you must live in the county for six months and inyyour beat or precinct for three months.

WOMAN: But I know who I want for governor.

REGISTRAR: Do you know all about the new tax ~~law Kingsbrodoyingin xxxx~~ that's up for a vote in this county? You're a citizen of the town and county as well asthe state and nation.

WOMAN: I see. You're right. Well, can I go ahead and fill out the form?

(Change) REGISTRAR: ~~You may take it home with you if you like, but you'll have to bring it back~~

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ELDERLY JANITORWITH DAUGHTER	JANITOR: I want to register, but I can't read. Can my daughter read that paper to me?
	REGISTRAR: Yes, she can. And I'll explain any of the questions if you need more help.
SLIDE CU ON FORM	REGISTRAR: (Reads EACH QUESTION SEPARATELY)
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* Should be man w/daughter To show help available for illiterate.	EO: If your name is on the book of registered voters at the courthouse, you will. Let me call them and see. (PICKS UP PHONE) Will you check out
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REPEAT OF VOTING PROCEDURE USING SLIDES	FOLKSINGER'S VOICE: Pull the red lever to close the curtain.
CU	Pull the levers for the candidates you want. ? (SHOULD WE SHOW STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING?)
CU	Pull the levers for "Yes" or "No" on the ammendments.
CU	Pull the red lever to open the curtain and record your vote.
CU	Let the election official pull the handle to count your vote and let the next person into the booth.
	If your polling place does not have a machine, your ballot will look like this.
SLIDE: CU ON PAPER BALLOT	The election official willgive you a pencil and you must mark an "X" next to the names of the persons for whom you wish to vote. (MORE IF NECESSARY ON THIS)
CAMERA ON FOLKSINGER	When the election is over, the votes are counted. The voting machine automatically totals the votes and the election officials open the back of the machine to copy off those totals. They tack one copy on the front door of the polling place and send another to the courthouse where allthe votes fromall the machines, and ~~where~~ all the votes from the paper ballots are counted. Newspaper, radio and telvision reporters are there to report the results back to their headquarters, and soon everybody knows who won and who lost and

VIDEO	AUDIO
	what laws were passed.
	Voting is a privilege--but it is more than that. It is a duty of citizenship.
	You put politicians in office.
	But you help elect those who run your government whether you vote or not.
	If you don't vote, you increase the chances of getting someone into office who may not be good.
CU ON DRUM	Like vote, man, you gotta vote! Like vote, man, you gotta vote.
	SINGS:
	How many times does a man search the skies
	And weep for the trouble he's known...
	How may times does a man criticise
	The folks who're elected. And moan.
	And how many times does a man just not care
	The burden of good government to bear?
	This very same man..and yet this same man
	This man has never voted at the polls.
	How many times does a man who is wise
	Forget to go to the polls
	And how many times is the vote a surprise
	Because he neglected the polls?
Any CREDITS NECESSARY FOR CONCLUSION	When will man know that it's all up to hi m
	ETC., FADE OUT

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April 6, 1966

Mr. Hosea Williams
Director
Department of Voter Registration
and Political Education
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in Barbour County, Alabama. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program for a three week "crash" (April 1 - April 22) program of citizenship education and voter registration in the amount of $490.00.

In accordance with our agreement, the grant will go directly to the Voter Education Project of Barbour County, headed by Mr. John Davis and Mrs. Janie D. Battle, who have been designated by you to conduct the SCLC program in that county.

The Project understands that there are only four days for registration in Barbour County during this three week period, consequently, this grant is for both voter registration and citizenship education.

The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Transportation	$ 100.00
b)	Director's salary @ 45.00 per week	135.00
c)	Task Force Workers (4) @ $ 15.00 per week	180.00
d)	Office Supplies	40.00
e)	Postage	10.00
f)	Printing	25.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank. The Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program, and a copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records, and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Monday of each week. This report is to be certified by the indicidual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully, and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit semi-monthly reports, setting forth and following: a) number of persons registered, b) method used in getting persons to the registration office, c) increase of number of new voters in the two week period, d) problems, if any, encountered with local registrars, police, or private citizens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Director of Research, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirments.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. John Davis

April 7, 1966

Mr. John Davis
Barbour County Voter Education Project
348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms; b) copy of our letter to the First National Bank of Eufaula, Eufaula, Alabama, and c) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due Monday of each week.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

cc: Hosea Williams

April 7, 1966

First National Bank of Eufaula
Eufaula, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $175.00 to be deposited to the account of the Barbour County Voter Education Project, Eufaula, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Hosea Williams
Mr. John Davis

MUSEUM OF SELMA TO MONTGOMERY

348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama
April 12, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Your letter of April 6 and Mr. Olive's letter and materials of April 7 have both been received and the directions set forth in them have been followed.

When the April 6 letter was received, there was only one registration day remaining in Barbour County, which is April 18. Mr. John Davis was chosen Director of the Voter Education project. Four task force workers were appointed. The county was divided into four geographic areas and each of these workers were assigned to one of these areas. Each worker, in turn, was to select other recruits or volunteers to assist him in covering his area. During this week the task force worker was to thoroughly canvass his area, locating the unregistered voters, publicizing the registration day, and lining up transportation for all who needed rides. ala

There are also two citizenship classes organized which meet weekly.

I am certain that your research department has more accurate registration figures than we have. Our records show that there are 7338 white people of voting age in Barbour County, 9200 white people are registered. There are 5787 Negroes of voting age, 3500 of which are registered.

There will be a report from this office coming out at the end of this week reporting the results of the first week of this project.

For Freedom,

John Davis

John Davis

cc: Hosea Williams

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April 13, 1966

Mr. John Davis
348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama

Re: VEP 6-26

Dear Mr. Davis:

In view of the crash nature of the voter registration program you are conducting under terms of your Voter Education Project grant for the period April 1 to April 22, 1966, two research reprots from Barbour County Voter Education Project will be sufficient.

Priority should be given to the completion and return of the enclosed form immediately after the books close in Alabama April 22. The accuracy of this information is of vital importance to VEP. The figures particularly for "Number successfully registered" should be actual numerical count and not an estimate.

The longer, narrative report should come second and so that you may have adequate time to evaluate your efforts, it should be in our offices by April 30. This should include a description of the number and organization of campaign workers and their techniques during this registration drive. With it you should include samples of any printed materials used. Please do not hesitate to describe any obstacles you encountered, either within your program and from without. As concise a report as

you are able to make to us will enable you and VEP to evaluate your program and to plan well for similar programs in the future.

Best wishes for your success. We look forward to your reports.

Sincerely,

Barbara Patterson
Director of Research

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A R C H I V E

April 14, 1966

Mr. Michael Bibler
Field Worker
Southern Christian Leadership Conference
348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama

Dear Mr. Bibler:

We are glad to respond to your letter of March 28th, in which you request information concerning the use of voting machines. Under separate cover, we are sending you one of our model voting machines for instructional purposes.

Our policy is to grant the use of this machine for the duration of your program, upon completion it must be returned.

I feel quite certain that you will understand our position, but I want you to know that your interest and concern for assisting these unfortunate citizens was of paramount concern.

Please do not hesitate to write us again if we can be of more service to you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo

Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 522-2023

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

DEPARTMENT OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION

Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer, Vice Pres. at Large* Andrew J. Young, *Executive Director*
Hosea L. Williams, *Director*

Rec'd 3/29/66

TO
Pls reply

348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama
March 28, 1966

Mr. Paul Anthony
Southern Regional Council
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony:

I am a SCLC field worker here in Barbour County, Alabama. Since the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, 2800 Negroes have become registered voters, most of them semi-literate. This, of course, poses many problems in preparing them for the May 3 Democratic primary election.

Five of the county's sixteen precincts use paper ballots, the rest of them use voting machines. The local organization, the Barbour County Voters League, has asked both the Probate Judge and the Board of Revenue for permission to use the county's voting machines for instructional purposes. These requests have been denied, and permission has been granted to use them only ten days before the election which will be too late for mass teaching and may be too late altogether.

Through unofficial sources I have been told that the Southern Regional Council is either renting or leaning sample voting machines to counties that have a need for them. If this is true, I am asking for any help you can give us along these lines. The May primary and November general election will be the test of whether the Second Reconstruction will have the same fate as the First. With your help we can keep history from repeating itself.

Yours for Freedom,

Michael Bibler

Michael Bibler

Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 522-2023

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Hosea L. Williams, *Director*

348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama
April 16, 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
5 Forsyth St., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Olive:

It was a pleasure to meet and speak with both you and Mr. Jordon at the election instruction meeting today.

We received the model voting machine on Thursday. About a week ago the Judge of Probate set up several voting machines in the Negro communities of Eufaula and Clayton to be used for instructional purposes until the May 3 election. However, there are many people in the rural areas who will not be able to travel to these towns to practice on the machines. This model machine will be best used in these areas at church services and other meetings. Although the model is not exactly like the actual voting machine, it will be very beneficial in giving the people an idea of what has to be done to operate a machine.

I have assured Mr. Jordon that the machine will be returned in excellent condition after the primary. All of us are very grateful for the Southern Regional Council's efforts in our behalf.

For Freedom,

Michael R. Bibler

Michael R. Bibler

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April 25, 1966

First National Bank of Eufaula
Eufaula, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $140.00, to be deposited to the account of the Barbour County Voter Education Project, Eufauaula, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

April 25, 1966

Mr. John Davis
Barbour County Voter Education Project
348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed are the following:

a) Copy of our letter to the First National Bank of Eufaula, transmitting funds.

b) Weekly reporting forms.

We wish your program every success.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

May 3, 1966

Mr. John Davis
Barbour County Voter Education Project
348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed you will find the following:

a) Our letter the the First National Bank of Eufaula, Eufaula, Alabama, transmitting your final installment.

b) Weekly reporting forms.

We hope that your program is going well.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

May 3, 1966

First National Bank of Eufaula
Eufaula, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find our check in the amount of $175.00 to be deposited in the account of the Barbour County Voter Education Project, Eufaula, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. John Davis

May 12, 1966

Mr. John Davis
348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama

Dear Mr. ~~Turner~~ Davis:

In her letter to you of April 14, 1966 Mrs. Patterson mentioned the research reports the VoterEducation Project would require of the Barbour County Voter Education Project. This report was due in our office on or about April 30, 1966.

In order for us to properly complete our files, would you please submit this report at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo

cc: Hosea Williams

May 13, 1966

Mr. John Davis
Barbour County Voter Education Project
348 Center Street
Eufaula, Alabama

Dear Mr. Davis:

In compliance with the provisions of our guidelines, we are forwarding a copy of your Bank Reconciliation as of April 29, 1966.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET • NEW YORK, N. Y. 10018 • BRyant 9-1400

Please direct reply to:

W. C. Patton
Associate Director
Voter Registration
[redacted]

1630 NORTH FOURTH AVENUE
ROOM 407
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
PHONE 322-0708

January 29, 1966

M E M O R A N D U M

To: Mr. Vernon Jordan, Director VEP

From: W. C. Patton

In order to do the most effective job in the three areas listed for this project, it is highly important that provisions be made so my office, serving as regional coordinator for NAACP Branches, will receive a grant for program development.

As per our agreement, no request for funds from local NAACP Branches in this area will be granted unless and until approved by this office. I also understand that it will be expected of this office to assist local branches in many of the functional aspects of the program.

If this is true and based upon previous experience, I am herewith submitting a budget in the amount of sixteen thousand four hundred sixty ($16,460) dollars, for a period of one year to execute the following program.

1. We propose to coordinate the projects by providing technical assistance to all NAACP Branches in the submitting of proposals; the VEP have programs in voter registration, citizenship education and leadership training.

2. To assist the branches in drafting budgets to be submitted covering the cost of one or two projects with which they are to be concerned.

3. To advise with the branches on planning, recruiting, and organizing for the projects as well as assisting in selecting hired personnel.

4. To select, prepare, and distribute to local branches all advertising material except leaflets, flysheets, and items of purely a local matter. (A few samples are attached).

   This makes the major material uniform and can be purchased at bulk rate prices.

5. To assist branches in reporting requirements. When and where necessary, we will visit the area and spur them on the importance of prompt and accurate reporting.

6. To advise local branches on the proper handling of funds and accounting for same.

7. To advise branches in selecting desirable locations as headquarters and on seeking legal advice on proposals in which the legality may be in question.

8. To assist local branches in securing speakers and other resource information needed for a successful program.

9. To give general supervision and direction in other various and sundry aspects of the program.

To the end of achieving these objectives and proposals, I am attaching a proposed budget covering the cost for a period of one year. I trust that favorable consideration will be given to the budget and that I will be made knowledgeable of your reaction immediately.

NAACP VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Proposed Budget for Program Development
NAACP Regional Office
February 1, 1966 through January 31, 1967

Director's Travel	$5,000	3000
Secretarial Help	4,160	3000
Telephone and Telegraph	1,200	
Printing	3,000	
Postage and Express Charges	1,500	2000
Office Supplies	1,000	
Miscellaneous	600	
a. Local Transportation of Material		
b. Rapping Service		
c. Machine Repairs and Upkeep		
Total		$16,460
Divided on monthly basis	$1,372	

Submitted by: W. C. Patton

W. C. Patton

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET • NEW YORK, N. Y. 10018 • BRyant 9-1400

Please direct reply to:

W. C. Patton
Associate Director
Voter Registration
[redacted]

1630 NORTH FOURTH AVENUE
ROOM 407
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
PHONE 322-0708

March 2, 1966
Memorandum

To: Mr. Vernon Jordan

From: W. C. Patton

Please find herewith enclosed as per your request, two signature cards and several deposit slips from the American National Bank in Birmingham, for depository of all VEP funds.

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TO

March 2, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the NAACP Regional Office for Voter Registration at Birmingham for a program development grant for work with NAACP branches in the areas assigned to you by your national office. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $4,000 for a six month period to run from March 1 to September 1, 1966.

We are limiting the grant to six months subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Travel	$ 1,250
b)	Secretary	1,500
c)	Telephone	300
d)	Printing	375
e)	Postage	350
f)	Supplies	225

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank*for an amount ~~xxx~~ approximating two weeks cash supply for the program, a copy

*the Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an am

of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records and should you need access to them they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Tuesday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipients Organizations. You and your officers of your project should read these carefully and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit monthly narrative reports detailing your activities. These reports should set forth the following: a) areas visited, b) persons consulted, c) meetings, d) problems encountered, and any other information which will contribute to a clear understanding of voter programs in the areas covered by you.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of or against any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Research Director, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:nm
Enclosure

March 14, 1966

The American National Bank
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $500.00, which is to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:Mm
Enclosure
Ck. $500.00

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

March 14, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms; b) deposit slip for the first two weeks allotment from your VEP Grant; c) copy of our letter to the American National Bank, Birmingham; and d) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due Tuesday of each week.

We wish for your program every success, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures
(As stated above)

MEMO from W. C. Patton

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March 16, 1966

TO: Mr. Vernon Jordan

Attached is a partial report of the travel expense of yours truly for the month of February which totals $311.41. I am reinbursing myself $150.00 of that amount and there will be left a balance of $161.41 which is to be deducted at some subsquent date. You will also find a financial report which I hope meets with your approval.

Bills, receipts, etc., are also attached.

March 22, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

We are enclosing the following: a) copy of deposit slip indicating the amount deposited in your account; b) weekly reporting forms.

Good luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures
(As stated above)

STANFORD

March 22, 1966

The American National Bank
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $270.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund, Birmingham, and deposit slips thereto.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures

April 4, 1966

The American National Bank
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $234.01 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund, Birmingham, and deposit slips thereto.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

April 4, 1966

Mr. W.C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 8th Aveneu
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

We are enclosing the following: a) copy of deposit slip indicating the amount deposited in your account; b) weekly reporting forms.

Continuedthe good work.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Encl.

April 6, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

In compliance with the provisions of our guidelines, we are forwarding a copy of your Bank Reconciliation as of March 29, 1966.

It was good talking to you the other day, and I will keep in mind your suggestion about the funding of future NAACP grants.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

April 7, 1966

American National Bank
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $300.00 to be deposited to the account of the Jefferson County Voter Education Project, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Isaac Mitchell
Mr. Hosea Williams

April 11, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed you will find the following:
a) deposit slip copy, indicating amount deposited to your account in the American National Bank of Birmingham,
b) Weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, and
c) copy of our letter to the American National Bank t transmitting funds.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 11, 1966

The American National Bank
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith ~~are~~our check in the amount of 98.99 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP and Voter Registration Office, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Encl.

April 12, 1966

The American National Bank
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of $250.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Encl.

April 12, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Education Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

Pursuant to your conversation with Mr. Jordan we are forwarding to you a copy of the deposit slip in the amount of $250.00 as requested.

We are always eager to make every transaction satisfactory. Please do not hesitate to call us at any time.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 14, 1966

The American National Bank
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of $135.22 to be deposited to the account of NAACP Voter Education Fund, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CENTER

April 14, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Education Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

Encloses are the following: a) deposit slip copy, indicating amount deposited to your account in the American National Bank, Brimingham, Alabama, b) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, c) copy of our letter to thebank transmitting funds.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 19, 1966

The American National Bank
2102 First Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $175.00, to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Office, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures
$ 175.00 check
deposit slips

April 19, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following:

a) Copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited to your account at the American National Bank, Birmingham,

b) Copy of letter of transmittal,

c) Weekly report forms, for your weekly reports.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures
(As stated above)

April 21, 1966

Mr. Issac Mitchell
505½ North 17th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

In compliance with the provisions of our grant to your Project, we have forwarded, as of today, the remaining portion of your grant in the amount of $420.00, to the American National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. A copy of the deposit slip is herewith enclosed.

Also enclosed are the following:

a) A copy of letter of transmittal; b) weekly report forms for your weekly reporting.

We trust this is only the beginning of a long relationship, which we shall try to make pleasant and profitable to the both of us.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures

April 21, 1966

The American National Bank
P. O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $220.00, to be deposited to the account of the Jefferson County Voter Education Project, Birmingham, Alabama. Also enclosed is our deposit slip indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Issac Mitchell

April 28, 1966

The American National Bank
P. O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find our check in the amount of $412.36 to be deposited in the account of NAACP Voter Education Fund, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

April 28, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed you will find the following:

a) Copy of our letter to The American National Bank transmitting funds.

b) Copy of the deposit slip.

c) Weekly reporting forms.

We hope that your program is having its share of successes.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

May 3, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed you will find the following:

a) A Copy of our letter to The American National Bank in Birmingham, Alabama, transmitting funds in the amount of $100.00.

b) Copy of the deposit slip.

c) Weekly reporting forms.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

May 3, 1966

The American National Bank
P. O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find our check in the amount of $100.00 to be deposited in the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund,Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

TThaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET • NEW YORK, N. Y. 10018 • BRyant 9-1400
Please direct reply to:
W. C. Patton, Associate Director
Voter Education
1630 NORTH FOURTH AVENUE
ROOM 407
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203
PHONE 322-0708

May 9, 1966

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MAY 10 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am herewith attaching the bank statement and copies of the check which was sent to my office enclosed with another bank statement. I cannot understand why the bank was so poor that the statements were not sent under separate cover.

You will please note that the statement only have the name of the account, and void of the address. I am calling this to their attention with hope that this will not be repetitive.

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton

W. C. Patton

WCP/lw

Enclosure

May 12, 1966

Mr. Edward Gardner
505½ 17th North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gardner:

In her letter to you of April 14, 1966, Mrs. Patterson mentioned the research reports the Voter Education Project would require of the Jefferson County Voter Education Project. This report was due in our office on or about April 30, 1966.

In order for us to properly complete our files, would you please submit this report at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo

cc: Mr. Hosea Williams

May 16, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following:

a) Copy of letter of transmittal indicating amount deposited in your account at the American National Bank of Birmingham, and b) weekly report forms.

We wish for your program every success.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/mmj
Enclosures

May 16, 1966

The American National Bank
P. O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $224.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP and Voter Registration Office. Also enclosed is a deposit slip indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/mmj
Enclosures

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PHONE 322-0708

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May 23, 1966

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Vernon Jordan

FROM: W. C. Patton

With keeping with our long distance telephone conversation, this is to formally remind you of the project now in progress in Phillips County (Helena) Arkansas.

In order to get them started after so much enthusiam had been generated, I loaned them Fifty Dollars to be used for transportation until the VEP funds have been received. They are to refund the Fifty Dollars from the VEP funds upon receipt.

From what Mrs. Bryant tells me a very good job should be done there, as a matter of fact they are responsible for having registered several thousands last year, and I believe they will do even better this year.

May 23, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account at The American National Bank of Alabama.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/pf

Encls:

May 25, 1966

The American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $427.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund.

Also enclosed is deposit slip indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/pf
Encls.

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

May 23, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account at The American National Bank of Alabama.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/pf
Encls:

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W. C. Patton, Associate Director
Voter Education
1630 NORTH FOURTH AVENUE
ROOM 407
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203
PHONE 322-0708

May 27, 1966

Vernon Jordan, Esquire
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

During the week of July 3rd we are supposed to have Five (5) conservative registration days in all of the counties of Alabama except Jefferson and perhaps Montgomery. It strikes me that this would be a good period for all of the branches and other groups in Alabama who has already and perhaps will send in a proposal and request for funds to do a pretty fair job provided, however, they are informed of what they may expect from your office in time to get organized.

This period is set by law and expected that every county covered by this law to observe the same. I would appreciate you giving some thought to this and see what you may come up with.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton

W. C. Patton

WCP/lw

June 1, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) Copy of our letter of transmittal to the American National Bank of Alabama, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report Forms for your weekly reports.

Also we need some deposit slips.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Enclosures

June 1, 1966

The American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $209.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund in Alabama. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encl.

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

June 8, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal indicating amount deposited in your account, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your programs.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administratige Assistant

TO:nm
Enclosures

June 8, 1966

The American National Bank
P. O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $160.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP & Voter Registration Office, Birmingham, Alabama. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures

June 13, 1966

The American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $209.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

June 13, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal indicating amount deposited to your account, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

June 14, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP and Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmin gham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

May 31, 1966

In compliance with the provisions of our guidelines, we are enclosing a copy of your Bank Reconciliation as of _____.

We wish for your program every success, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO:nm
Enclosure

June 22, 1966

The American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $222.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

COPY

June 22, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal indicating amount deposited to your account, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

COPY

July 1, 1966

The American National Bank
P. O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $467.42 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP & Voter Registration Office, Birmingham, Alabama.

Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO:nm
Enclosures

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

July 1, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 107
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of deposit slip indicating amount deposited to your account, and b) copy of our letter of transmittal. Also enclosed are Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO:nm
Enclosures

P.S. I thought for your general information, you would like to know the balance in your VEP Grant, after this payment is $128.00.

July 11, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal to the American National Bank Birmingham, Alabama, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

July 11, 1966

The American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $128.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

TWENTY WEST FORTIETH STREET • NEW YORK, N. Y. 10018 • BRyant 9-1400

Please direct reply to:
W. C. Patton, Associate Director
Registration & Voting
[redacted]

1630 NORTH FOURTH AVENUE
ROOM 407
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
PHONE 322-0708

July 13, 1966

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Mr. Vernon Jordan, Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

The four thousand dollar ($4,000) grant for program development has exhausted.

In light of the need for program development in States of Alabama, Florida and Mississippi, between now and September 1, I am requesting a supplementary grant in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars ($2,500) to tide us over until the end of August.

With warmest regards, I remain,

Yours truly,

W. C. Patton

W. C. Patton

WCP:ml

August 15, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed ~~is~~ are the requested forms.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

August 29, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

August 29, 1966

The American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $500.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

Memo from . . .

TO
pls reply

w. c. patton

OCTOBER 5, 1966

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TO: MR. VERNON JORDAN

THIS IS ONLY A REMINDER OF A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FORTY ($240) DOLLARS TO BE SENT OUR OFFICE FOR SECRETARIAL HERE.

I AM SURE YOU WILL TAKE CARE OF THIS AT AN EARLY DATE.

THANKS.

October 11, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal to the American National Bank, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

October 11, 1966

The American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $240.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

October 25, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

October 31, 1966

The American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $240.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

October 31, 1966

The American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $240.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

October 25, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

November 28, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Texas Voter Education Project for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in Texas. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $2,500.00 for a six week program from December 1 to January 12, 1967.

We are limiting the gratn to six weeks subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted is to cover the following areas:

a) 6 areas in Houston

b) Victoria

c) San Antonio

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank, the Psoject will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program, a copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You

should, however, instruct the bank to become a part of our records and should you need access to them they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected every two weeks. This report is due Thursday. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To faciliate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit semi-monthly reports setting forth the following: a) number of persons registered, b) method used in getting persons to the registration office, c) increase of number of new voters in the two week period, d) problems, if any, encountered with local registrars, police, or private citizens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of or against any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Research Director, Marvin Wall, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ/pf

December 1, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

December 1, 1966

The American National Bank
Post Office Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $240.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

December 5, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Education Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following, a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

December 5, 1966

The American National Bank
Post Office Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $1,000.00 to be deposited to the account of the Texas Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive, Jr.
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

December 13, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

RE: VEP 6-104

Dear Mr. Patton:

In his recent letter, Mr. Jordan mentioned certain research reports that are required. These are the reports explained on page 3 of the Voter Education Project guidelines.

A report on meetings being held, people being contacted, number registered, etc., is required every two weeks. It is important that the information be accurate. Figures, particularly for "number successfully registered," should be by actual count and not by estimate.

A supply of forms for this type of report is being sent to you under separate cover. These forms also may be used by your workers in making reports to you. We ask, however, that you not send the reports turned in by the various workers. Rather, we prefer that you have spmeone in your office consolidate these reports and send us a single report covering a single period. Since your program began December 1, we will need reports from you on December 19, January 2 and January 16.

Since your project involves three areas, we will need separate statistical reports on each area. All reports will be filed in a single folder labled VEP 6-104.

In addition, we will need a narrative report from you on January 18, after your program has been completed. This longer report should describe the scope and organization of your program, the number of workers, and techniques employed. Samples should be enclosed of any printed materials. Do not hesitate to describe any obstacles encountered, either from within your program or without. A complete and frank report will help both you and VEP in evaluating your program and in planning future programs.

Please keep in mind that this outline of required reports is not limiting. That is to say, we hope you will include anything that seems of interest or importance. We encourage you to pass along any comments of value made by workers in your program. The comments of any student workers you use are especially desired.

We wish for you every success, and look forward to receiving your reports.

Sincerely yours,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

MW/pf

December 28, 1966

The American National Bank
Post Office Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $170.52 to be deposited to the account of the Texas Voter Education Project. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pc

December 28, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

December 30, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

This is to inform you that the Voter Education Project, in response to your request, is making a supplemental grant for $500 to the Texas Voter Education Project for a registration program in Dallas, Texas. The grant period is from January 1 through January 31.

The funding will take its normal course through the bank account of the Texas Voter Education Project.

Sincerely,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ/pf

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DENVER, COLORADO

January 4, 1967

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

I am enclosing copies of reports recently received from San Antonio and Houston, Texas. We appreciate the candor of the project workers. However, we are concerned about the fact that all the reports show no voters registered by the projects. One report says "we are preparing for campaign." Another says "because registration forms are not out in some areas, no one has applied for registration." It would seem that the preparations should have been made before the registration campaign began instead of after.

We trust, of course, that subsequent reports from Texas will show more progress. I have discussed the reports received with Mr. Jordan and Mr. Olive and we felt that the situation should be brought to your attention.

We look forward to seeing you frequently in the coming year. We hope you will have a productive and successful 1967.

Sincerely,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

MW/pf

January 5, 1967

Mr. Robert James, Jr.
President
Tri-County Branch, NAACP
Route 5 Box 285
Russelville, Alabama

Dear Mr. James:

The Voter Education Project wishes to congratulate you on being elected President of the Tri-County Branch, NAACP Chapter.

This is to assure you that your proposal still is on file in our office and has not in any way been rejected or put aside. However, we hope to begin funding projects for 1967 in about a month, and the proposals now on file will be among the first to receive consideration at that time.

We apologize for not having acknowledged your letter sooner. You may be sure that this represented no lack of interest on our part. We appreciate your effort, and we will give it the utmost consideration when we begin funding.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive, Jr.
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
cc: Mr. W. C. Patton

January 5, 1967

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Education Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following, a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of depoist slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

January 5, 1967

The American National Bank
Post Office Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $240.00 to be deposited to the account of the NAACP Voter Education Fund. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive, Jr.
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

January 11, 1967

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

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Good luck in your program.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

January 11, 1967

American National Bank
P.O. Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama 35202

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $180.00 to be deposited to the account of the Texas Voter Education Project.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 522-1420

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

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Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer* Andrew J. Young, *Executive Director*

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January 18, 1967

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 4, 1967, in regard to the past due reports for the grants which were awared to the Perry County Voter Education Project and the Jefferson County Voter Education Project, Alabama.

I am sorry, but I cannot assume any responsibility for the reports being made on the grants that you made, dur to the circumstances under which they were made. I did not receive any money, write any checks, or receive any checks and, therefore, I do not have access to any of the bank statements that you mentioned.

I suggest that you contact the persons that you sent the money directly to, i.e., Rev. Gardner in Birmingham, Alabama and Mr. Albert Turner in Marion, Alabama.

In God we trust,

Hosea L. Williams

Hosea L. Williams, Director
Southern Field Program

HLW/tlr

CC to: Rev. Andrew J. Young
SCLC

January 26, 1967

American National Bank
Post Office Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama 35201

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $88.00 to be deposited to the account of the Texas Voter Education Project. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

January 26, 1967

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

From the Desk of
W. C. PATTON

January 27, 1967

To: Mr. Olive

We are completely out of financial report forms. Please send us a few dozens - A deposit is needed immediately -

1 February 1967

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Room 407
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO: pc

1 February 1967

American National Bank
Post Office Box 773
Birmingham, Alabama 35201

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $598.61 to be deposited to the account of the Texas Voter Education Project. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO: pc

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BROWARD VIEWPOINT

Ray Linders

Negroes' Ballots Cast Unwisely

THE NAACP attempt to get out the vote in the Negro precincts in Tuesday's city election could be called a failure.

Of the estimated 6,800 voters in the Negro community 1,840 turned out on election day.

That's 26 per cent — and runs about even with the turnout in other precincts of the city.

It would seem, however, that there was a greater failure.

The Negro vote was concentrated — obviously, but not with good judgment — behind the five Negro candidates.

When you get beyond them, however, you discover by toting up the Negro precincts that two avowed conservatives — that equates with persons opposed to federal air to urban renewal — were the high votegetters.

Mayor Ed Burry, who has made his position clear, was the leading candidate among the white candidates, with 191 votes in the seven precincts involved.

Second was Morey Morrison, another anti-federal aider who drew 165 votes.

The strong probability exists that many of those who voted for Morrison thought they were voting for the preceding name on the ballot, Mrs. Helen Morris. She is a Negro and was the leader among the five candidates of her race.

Among the white candidates who have been fervent supporters of federal aid to urban renewal are incumbents Jim Leavitt and Fred Welker.

Welker ran third among the white candidates with 154 votes.

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WHAT WENT wrong?

There are quite likely as many judgments as judges.

But the fact remains that the Negro voters, those who turned out, put their voting emphasis purely on racial lines when common sense suggested that it would be impossible to elect an all-Negro commission.

Secondly, in granting their constitutional favor to the nonNegro candidates, they gave their support to candidates who do not support what is advanced as their philosophy regarding urban renewal.

On that basis we would have to regard the NAACP campaign as a dismal failure. And to advance the conjecture that urban renewal is going to be a long time coming.

The philosophy that the job can be done with local monies is sound — until you consider there are no local monies to get in there and do the job.

The theory has been advanced that the Negroes themselves do not want federal aid for urban renewal — and by some callous observers that they don't even want renewal.

We seriously doubt both points.

But it would appear that an educational program — a very quick one — is in order.

Urban renewal is a major factor in this city election. It can stand or fall on the outcome of the Feb. 28 voting.

If those who would benefit from the program decline to support those candidates who favor the federal aid, how can others be expected to?

September 14, 1967

Mr. W. C. Patton
Associate Director
NAACP Voter Registration Office
630 North Fourth Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our check for the amount deposited in your account, b) copy of our deposit slip, and c) weekly report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO:mlj
Enclosure

September 14, 1967

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $_____ to be deposited to the account of the _____.

American National Bank
Birmingham, Alabama

Enclosed are deposit slips.

Sincerely,

280.00
NAACP Voter Education Fund

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO:mlj
Enclosure

662

March 3, 1969

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP Voter Education Fund
1640 N. Fourth Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal indicating amount deposited in your account; b) copy of deposit slip; and c) weekly report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO:zw
Enclosure

662

March 3, 1969

American National Bank
P. O. Box 773
Birmingha, Alabama 35201

280.00
NAACP Voter Education Fund

W. C. Patton's Revised budget

Travel	$2,500.00
Secretarial Help	3,000.00
Telephone	600.00
Printing	700.00
Postage	750.00
Supplies	450.00
	$8,000.00

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April 7, 1966

Mr. William Harrison
Post Office Box 226
Lisman, Alabama

Dear Mr. Harrison:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms; b) copy of our letter to the First National Bank, Butler, Alabama, and c) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due Thursday of each week.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

cc: Hosea Williams

April 7, 1966

First National Bank of Butler
Butler, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $300.00 to be deposited to the account of the Choctaw County Voter Education Project, Lisman Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Hosea Williams
Mr. William Harrison

April 14, 1966

The Reverend L. I. Spears
Box 226
Lisman, Alabama

RE: VEP 6-29

Dear Mr. Spears:

In view of the crash nature of the voter registration program you are conducting under terms of your Voter Education Project grant for the period April 22, 1966, two research reports from the Choctaw County Voter Education Project will be sufficient.

Priority should be given to the completion and return of the enclosed form immediately after the books close in Alabama April 22. The accuracy of this information is of vital importance to VEP. The figures particularly for "Number successfully registered" should be actual numerical count and not an estimate.

The longer, narrative report should come second and so that you may have adequate time to evaluate your efforts, it should be in our office by April 30. This should include a description of the number and organization of campaign workers and their techniques during this registration drive. With it you should include samples of any printed materials used. Please do not hesitiate to describe any obstacles you encountered, either within your program and from without. As concise a report as you are able to make to us will enable you and VEP to evaluate your program and to plan well for similar programs in the future.

Best wishes for your success. We look forward to your reports.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara Patterson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

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Enclosure (1)

BOYNTON GRAFTON

May 2, 1966

Mr. WilliamnHarrison
P. O. Box 226
Lisman, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find the following:

a) Letter to the First National Bank of Butler, transfering funds.

b) Copy of the deposit slip.

c) Weekly reporting forms.

We hope that your program is going well.

Sincerely yours,

TThaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

May 2, 1966

First National Bank of Butler
Butler, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find our check in the amount of $175.00 to be deposited in the account of the Choctaw County Voter Education Project, Lisman, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

May 12, 1966

The Reverend L. I. Spears
Box 226
Lisman, Alabama

Dear Mr. Spears:

In her letter to you of April 14, 1966, Mrs. Patterson mentioned the research reports the Voter Education Project would require of the Ehoengw County Voter Education Project. This report was due in our office on or about April 30, 1966.

In order for us to properly complete our files, would you please submit this report at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

May 24, 1966

Mr. William Harrison
P. O. Box 226
Lisman, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hattiann:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account at the First National Bank of Butler.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO:mm
Enclosure

May 24, 1966

The First National Bank
of Butler
Butler, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $140.00 to be deposited to the account of the Choctaw County Voter Education Project.

Also enclosed is deposit slip indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO:nm
Enclosures

cc: Mr. William Harrison

O.F. Frazier
P.O Box 390
Evergreen, Ala. 36401

CONECUH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
EVERGREEN, ALABAMA

Co-Sponsor
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Grant Proposal from VEP

Kind of Program:

We propose in Conecuh County, a program seeking to register between 2,000 and 2,500 unregistered voters, and furnish citizenship education, and leadership training to persons in our County in need of such training.

Where:

The program will cover Conecuh County, whose county seat is Evergreen, Alabama.

Who:

The sponsoring agency is the Conecuh County Improvement Association. The C.C.I.A. will furnish the personnel necessary to carry out this program.

Cost:

We estimate that the program will cost approximately $2,500.00.

Budget:

Office Staff:

The Project Director will be the person responsible for the total project and shall be in charge of the office staff. The office staff shall consist of the Director and one secretary who will be in charge of the Voter Registration Committees correspondence and records.

Transportation:

The Conecuh County Improvement Association proposes to purchase an automobile at a cost of approximately $700.00 if the grant is approved by the Southern Regional Council Inc. This car will be used by the Director and Voter Registration Committee in transporting unregistered Negroes to Registrar's office to get registered.

1.	Transportation (purchase of car)	$ 700.00
2.	Operating Expenses (gas, oil,)	300.00
3.	Director (NO. 1)(Subsistance Per wk. 50.00	300.00
4.	Secretary (No. 2) (Week 25.00)	300.00
5.	Office Rent	120.00
6.	Office Supplies & teaching Mat.	180.00
7.	Instructors (No. 2)	200.00
8.	Field Worker (No. 10)	400.00
	Total Budget	$2,500.00

Time:

The program is anticipated to run for two months. We wish to start at the earliest possible date.

Background:

The program will operate in Conecuh County Alabama. The entire population of the County is approximately 17,600. Of this number 8,000 are Negroes. There are approximately 3,500 Negroes of voting age and approximately 1,500 Negroes are registered to vote. There were about 700 Negroes registered before the Voters Roghts Bill was passed last August.

There have been around 900 Negroes registered since the Voters Rights Bill. There are not any Negroes holding appointive jobs in Conecuh County. The registration hours for voters are from 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon and 1:00P.M - 4 PM.

Negroes who have become registered voters are becoming increasingly interested in fuller citizenship participation. Many of the registered voters are joining the Conecuh County Improvement Association which is encouraging Negroes to concern themselves with putting candidates in office who will promise to improve the living standards, economic conditions, and general improvements of Negro life in the County.

One of our biggest problems is to get Negroes interested to go to the Registrar's Office to register. Where ever we have made surveys in the county and found Negroes not registered, we have tried to furnish transportation and have been successful in getting unregistered Negroes to register. The reason we have been unable to get more Negroes registered is because our financial resources has been limited and we have been unable to put on a substained drive to provide transportation each day the registrars' office is open. We believe that if this grant is approved we will be able to register 90% of all unregistered Negroes in the County.

We, the officers of the Conecuh County Improvement Association, respectifully submitted the above proposal for the anticipated Voter Registration Drive.

James Presley — 748 Magnolia Ave. - Evergreen, Ala.
President

Rae L. McCreary — Rte. C, Box 170 - Evergreen, Ala.
Financial Secretary

Isaac L. Bradley — Rte. C, Box 38½ - Evergreen, Ala.
Recording Secretary

Elonton Myers — Rte. D, Box 180 - Evergreen, Ala.
Treasurer

O. F. Frazier — 210 Shipp Street - Evergreen, Ala.
Chairman
Voter Registration Committee

TO
VEP-18

March 31, 1966

Mr. O.F. Frazier, Chairman
Voter Registration Committee
P.O. Box 390
Evergreen, Alabama 36401

Dear Mr. Frazier:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Conecuh County Improvement Association to conduct a voter registration campaign in the Evergreen, Alabama area for the period of April 1 to April 22, 1966. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $652.50 for a "crash" 22-day campaign.

We are limiting the grant to 3 weeks subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted to cover the following:

a) Director's salary	@ $50.00 per week	$150.00
b) Secretary	25.00 per week	75.00
c) Rent		40.00
d) Supplies		25.00
e) Postage		12.50
f) Field Workers (5)	15.00 per week	225.00
g) Transportation		125.00
		$652.50

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy ofthe signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the nameand address of the bank. The Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program, a copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records, and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Wednesday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully, and familiarize yourselves withthherserequirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit semi-monthly reports setting forth the following: a) number of persons registered, b) method used in getting persons to the registration office, c) increase of number of new voters in the two week period, d) problems, if any, encountered with local registrars, police, or private citizens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs, Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of or against any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Director of Research, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regardin further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

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Enclosure

CONECUH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 390
Evergreen, Alabama

April 4, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director, Voter Educational Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Room 201, 5 Forsyth St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Reference is made to your letter of March 31, 1966, concerning the grant of $652.50 made to the Conecuh County Improvement Association, Evergreen, Alabama.

We wish to send the following information to comply with the guidelines of the Voter Education Project:

1. The bank account shall be listed as the Conecuh County Improvement Association Voter Registration Fund.

2. Enclosed is a signature card of three members of our organization who will sign the checks. Namely O. F. Frazier, Norton Hurd and Cleve Millender.

3. The money shall be deposited in the Conecuh County Bank; Evergreen, Alabama.

4. Enclosed is a book of deposit slips for the Conecuh County Bank.

5. The bank has been instructed to mail all bank statements directly to the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

Our personnel has been selected and we have already begun to work. Our reports shall be made as specified by the guidelines of the Voter Educational Project.

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr. April 4, 1966

We will look forward to additional special reporting requirements and forms from Mrs. Barbara Patterson, Director of Research.

Very sincerely yours,

O. F. Frazier

O. F. Frazier, Chairman
Voter Registration Committee

April 5, 1966

Mr. O. F. Frazier
Chairman
Voter Registration Committee
P. O. Box 390
Evergreen, Alabama 36401

Dear Mr. Frazier:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms; b) deposit slip for the first deposit from your VEP Grant; c) copy of our letter to the Conecuh County Bank, Evergreen; and d) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due Wednesday of each week.

It was wonderful meeting you Saturday, and we wish for your "crash program" every success and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Encls.

April 5, 1966

The Conecuh County Bank
Evergreen, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $300.00 to be deposited to the account of the Conecuh County Voter Registration Committee, Evergreen, and deposit slips thereto.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Encls.

cc: Mr. O. F. Frazier

April 13, 1966

Mr. O. F. Frazier, Chairman
Voter Registration Committee
Conecuh County Improvement Association
P.O. Box 390
Evergreen, Alabama 36401

Re: VEP 6-18

Dear Mr. Frazier:

In view of the crash nature of the voter registration program you are conducting under terms of your Voter Education Project grant for the period April 1 to April 22, 1966, two research reports from Conecuh County Improvement Association will be sufficient.

Priority should be given to the completion and return of the enclosed form immediately after the books close in Alabama April 22. The accuracy of this information is of vital importance to VEP. The figures particularly for "Number successfully registered" should be actual numerical count and not an estimate.

The longer, narrative report should come second and so that you may have adequate time to evaluate your efforts, it should be in our offices by April 30. This should include a description of the number and organization of campaign workers and their techniques during this registration drive. With it you should include samples of any printed materials used. Please do not hesitate to describe any obstacles you encountered, either within your program and from without. As concise a report as

you are able to make to us will enable you and VEP to evaluate your program and to plan well for similar programs in the future.

Best wishes for your success. We look forward to your reports.

Sincerely,

Barbara Patterson
Director of Research

BP/pf

FOLD BOND

April 14, 1966

The Conecuh County Bank
Evergreen, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of $272.04 to be deposited to the account of the Conecuh County Voter Registration Committee, Evergreen, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

POAM BOUND SEAL FOA

April 14, 1966

Mr. O. F. Frazier
Chairman
Voter Registration Committee
P? O. Box 390
Evergreen, Alabama 36401

Dear Mr. Frazier:

Enclosed are the following: a) deposit slip copy, indicating amount deposited to your account in the Conecuh County Bank, Evergreen, Alabama, b) weekly reporing forms for your weekly report, c) copy of our letter to the Conecuh County Bank transmitting funds.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 21, 1966

The Conecuh County Bank
Evergreen, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $80.46, to be deposited to the account of The Voter Registration Committee, Evergreen, Alabama. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures
(As stated above)

TO

April 21, 1966

Mr. O. F. Frazier
Chairman
Voter Registration Committee
P. O. Box 390
Evergreen, Alabama 36401

Dear Mr. Frazier:

In compliance with the provisions of our grant to your Committee, we have forwarded, as of today, the remaining portion of your grant in the amount of $80.46 to the Conecuh County Bank, Evergreen, Alabama. A copy of the deposit slip is herewith enclosed.

Also enclosed are the following:

a) copy of letter of transmittal, b) weekly report forms for your weekly reporting.

We trust this is only the beginning of a long relationship, which we shall try to make pleasant and profitable to the both of us.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures

INTRA OFFICE USE ONLY

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

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May 4, 1966

Mr. O. F. Frazier
Chairman
Voter Registration Committee
P. O. Box 390
Evergreen, Alabama

Dear Mr. Frazier:

In compliance with the provisions of our guidelines, we are forwarding a copy of your Bank Reconciliation as of April 23, 1966.

It is our sincere wish that your program was successful, and we look forward now to the General Election.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

CONECUH COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL

P.O. Box 390 Evergreen, Alabama

O.F. Frazier Principal
Phone 578-2866

May 20, 1966

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MAY 23 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan Jr., Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We wish to express our gratitude to the Southern Regional Council for the grant we received from that organization for our "Crash Project" from April 1-22, 1966.

We were able to create maximum interest among Negroes in Conecuh County to register. We still have between 1400-1500 Negroes not registered. Plans and surveys have already been made and we believe we can get a very large percentage of the Negroes registered if we are able to receive an additional grant.

Please check our reports to see if we qualify for an additional grant.

I was very happy to be in Washington last Monday. With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

O. F. Frazier

O. F. Frazier

Phone: 539-4277 or 539-5496

ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, INC.

~~2809 GOVERNORS DRIVE, SW HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA 35805~~

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20 Washington Street Greensboro, Ala

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February 24, 1966

Rec'd 2-25-66

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Director
Voter Education Porject
5 Forsyth Street N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Inclose you will find a copy of a proposal of V. E. P. Grants. This grant is to cover the entire county of Hale. The group have decided to work on all three areas as shown in your guideline for the grant. We feel that if we hire a full-time director and an assistance director, we can best promote a program for the period of 8-weeks to cover the entire county. In this way we can do a representative job in promoting the V. E. P. Program.

If there are any suggestions that you can give us that will aid our prople in these projects, we would appreciate it very much.

Very truly yours,

Lewis Black

Lewis Black

Hale County Improvement Association and Hale County Progressive Association

Co-Sponses V. E. P.

Grant Proposal from V. E. P.

Kind of Program:

In Hale County we propose a program to seek the registration of 2,000 unregistrated voters, extend Citizenship Education to 6,000 Negroes of Hale County and Ledearship Training for 60 Negroes.

Where--This program will cover Hale County, County seat Greensboro, Alabama.

Who--The program with personnels from the Hale County Improvement Association and the Hale County Progressive Association.

Their duties will consist of:

1. Canvass for unregistrated voters.
2. Consult with registrars dates of registration, request more dates if needed, and more convenient hours.
3. Providing transportation to and from places of registration.
4. Providing a staff for Citizenship Education.
5. Set up classes in leadership training.
6. This program will cost $3,000.00
7. This is anticipated to last from March 1, 1966 through April 30, 1966.

Background--We have 5,999 people in Hale County of voting age and 4,041 have registrated. We have 1,958 unregistrated. There

were only 1,100 people voted in the referendum in Hale County on November 30, 1965, this included both White and Negro.

We have two active organizations:

Hale County Improvement Association.

Hale County Progressive Association.

Dates of registration:

March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, and 30.

April 4, 6, and 18.

We feel that two of our greatest problems are Citizenship Education and Leadership Training.

OTHER SALARIES

Staff	No.	Weekly Salary	8-weeks
Director	1	$50.00 40.00	$400.00 ✓
~~Assistance Director~~	~~1~~	~~$35.00~~	~~$280.00~~
Two Field Workers but 25.00/wk			
Field Worker	5	$25.00	$200.00
Instructors	5	$25.00	$200.00
TOTAL			$1,080.00

TRANSPORTATION

Staff	No.	Per Mile	8-weeks
Director	1	8¢	$125.00
Assistance Director	1	8¢	$125.00
Field Workers	5	8¢	$625.00
Instructors	5	8¢	$125.00
Total		12,500 miles	$1,000.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
for period beginning
March 1, through April 30, 1966

Balance Sheet

Budget		$3,000.00
Salaries	$1,080.00	
Office supplies	300.00	
Secretary	200.00	
Transportation	1,000.00	
Telephone	80.00	
Office rent	40.00	
Printing	100.00	
Postage	180.00	
Miscellaneous	20.00	
Total		$3,000.00

Minutes of the
Committee meeting of the
Hale County Improvement Association
February 20, 1966-3:00

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Lewis Black.

This meeting was concerned with getting the remainding 1,900 Negroes registrated to vote in Hale County.

We were informed by Mr. Black that the Southern Regional Council, Inc. is asking us for a proposal in order to finance a program of getting the people registrated.

Organizating for a proposal

The group proposed that the Hale County Progressive Association will work with this program, financed by the Southern Regional Council Inc.

Rev. Lee motioned that we begin working on this program begining March 1, and extend 8-weeks. It was seconded by Mr. Hicks. The group agreed that this program will be financed through an 8-week period.

Suggested banks for the Southern Regional Council Inc. to deposit money:

Bank of Moundville-Moundville, Alabama

Robertson Bank-Demopolis, Alabama

It was motioned and properly second that we use the Bank of Moundville to deposit all accounts.

How should we pay expenses?-Gas or mileage?

It was motioned and properly seconded that we pay car expence by the mileage.

How much we pay a mile?

10¢ and 35¢ was suggested. It was motioned and properly seconded that we pay 10¢ a mile. An unreadness was called by Mr. Eddie Long. The motion was withdrawn by Rev. Williams. Another motion was made to pay 8¢ a mile.It was seconded and the group agreed to pay 8¢ per mile.

Should we employe persons or should we use volunteers

Mr. E. Long suggested that we use both employees and volunteers. It was motioned and properly seconded that we employe persons.

How to set up employment?

Office

Office Staff

Overall operation

A financial committee was selected to work out a budget.

The group proposed a budget for $3,000.00

The financial committee:

Mr. Eddie Long

Rev. L. A. Lee

Mrs. Milderd Black

Mr. A. Kelly

Mr. Hicks

Rev. D. Williams

Mr. L. Black

The committee meeting will be held at the Greenala Credit Union, Greensboro, Alabama, Monday, February 21, at 9:00 A. M.

We wre informed by Mr. Black that the Southern Regional Council Inc. has money available to aid any work to help the community.

Names and addresses of the people making this proposal:

Mr. Lewis Black
20 Washington St.
Greensboro, Ala.

Mrs. Mildred Black
20 Washington St.
Greensboro, Ala.

Mr. Eugene Lyles
P. O. Box 26
Greensboro, Ala.

Mr. Joe Lee Hamilton
Greensboro, Ala.

Rev. L. A. Lee
Havana, Ala.

Mrs. Theresa Burroughs
Greensboro, Ala.

Mr. Arthur Kelly
Newbern, Ala.

Mr. Eddie Long
Greensboro, Ala.

Mr. T. B. Hicks
Newbern, Ala.

Rev. Henry McCaskill
Greensboro, Ala.

Rev. James Lyles
Greensboro, Ala.

Mr. John Bryant
43 Baptist Hill
Greensboro, Ala.

Mrs. Dorothy Bryant
43 Baptist Hill
Greensboro, Ala.

Mr. Thomas Lee
Havana, A la.

Mr. Richard Danial
Greensboro, Ala.

Mrs. Lizzie Breadly
Akron, Ala.

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March 14, 1966

Mr. Lewis Black
Hale County Improvement Association
and Hale County Progressive Association
20 Washington Street
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Hale County Improvement Association for a grant to conduct voter registration in Hale County. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $715.00 for a period of one month, to run from March 21 to April 21, 1966.

We are limiting the grant to one month subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted is to cover the following:

a) Director's salary @$40.00 per week	$ 160.00
b) Travel and transportation	250.00
c) Field Workers (2) @ $25.00 per week	200.00
d) Rent	40.00
e) Supplies	50.00
f) Postage	15.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank. The Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program, a copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records, and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Friday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and your officers of your project should read these carefully, and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit monthly narrative reports detailing your activities. These reports should set forth the following: a) areas visited, b) persons consulted, c) meetings, d) problems encountered, if any, with local registrars, police, or private citizens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Research Director, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:nm
Enclosure

cc: Messrs Eugene Lyles, and
John Bryant, Robert Valder

COPY FROM BOBBY WARE'S FILES

March 28, 1966

Mr. Lewis Black
Hale County Improvement and
Progressive Associations
20 Washington Street
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Enclosed are the following: a) deposit slip copy, indicating amount deposited to your account Moundville Bank, b) Weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due each Friday, and c) copy of our letter to the Moundville bank, transmitting funds.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures
(As stated above)

March 28, 1966

Bank of Moundville
Moundville, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of $357.50 to be deposited to the account of the Hale County Improvement and Progressive Associations, Greensboro, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosure
Ck. $357.50

cc: Mr. Lewis Black
Greensboro, Alabama

March 30, 1966

Mr. Lewis Black
Hale County Improvement Association
and Hale County Progressive Association
20 Washington Street
Greensboro, Alabama

RE: VEP 6-10

Dear Mr. Black:

Vernon Jordan's letter to you of March 14, 1966, mentioned the research reports the Voter Education Project requires of the Hale County Improvement Association under the terms of your grant to conduct voter registration.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the form which we wish your office to fill in and return to us twice a month. Please do not send us forms filled out by several voter registration workers covering different times worked. Instead, we suggest that one of the project personnel collect from the workers their records of persons reached by canvass, taken to register, etc., and total them on one sheet to be sent to us. A supply of these forms is being sent to you under separate cover for use by workers in the field. It is of vital importance that the figures submitted to us be actual numerical count and not estimates.

Since your program was operative as of March 14, we suggest that the first form be in our office on about April 8 and a second form be sent at the conclusion of the drive, about April 25.

Also at the conclusion of this month-long program we require a narrative report which will outline your methods and evaluate their success. It might be helpful to think of this as an intelligence report which would convey to VEP the overall situation in Hale County. It will be of particular interest to learn what activity your group is able to generate in an area where there are federal

examiners. Our records indicate, for example, that the examiners have registered about 3,000 Negro voters. What methods have you used, and what success have you had, motivating the approximately 3,000 unregistered Negro citizens" We also wish to stress the fact that although we require the one report, it should not inhibit the sending of other narrative materials by any persons working with your organization. In all programs we are associated with we want to encourage persons who may not have written much before to write down their reactions and experiences for us.

It is hoped also that you will share with us copies of any printed materials you use.

If we can be of any assistance please call on us. We look forward to your reports.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara Patterson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

BP:hjo
Enclosure

March 24, 1966

Bank of Moundville
Moundville,
Alabama

Gentlemen:

On March 19, 1966, the Hale County Improvement and Progressive Association opened an account with your bank. In keeping with our request, they mailed to us a copy of the signature cards, and instructed your bank to forward the statement to our office.

Our agreement with the Hale County Improvement Association requires that all deposits be made from our office; therefore, would you supply us with deposit slips in order that we may make our deposit.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience? Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm

April 11, 1966

Mr. Lewis Black
Hale County Improvement Association
and Hale County Progressive Association
20 Washington Street
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

We are in receipt of your weekly reports for the weeks ending March 25, and April 1, 1966. We are returning these along with a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. May I call your attention to "Item 6, page 1." It will be necessary for you to indicate the amount spent for transportation and the amount for salary.

May we have the corrected weekly reports at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

April 12, 1966

Mr. Lewis Black
20 Washington Street
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

Thank you very much for delivering the materials.

Enclosed is our check to cover your expenses of time and transportation. Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Encl.

FORMER BOUNDARY SEAL FOR WM

April 18, 1966

Mr. Lewis Black
20 Washington Street
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

Enclosed are the following: a) deposit slip copy, indicating amount deposited to your account, b) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, and c) copy of our letter the the Bank of Moundville transmitting funds.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 18, 1966

Bank of Moundville
Moundville, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of $316.52 to be deposited to the account of the Hale County Improvement and Progressive Association, Greensboro, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

April 27, 1966

Mr. Lewis Black
20 Washington Street
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

Enclosed you will find the following:

a) Our letter to the Bank of Moundville transmitting funds, which is your final installment.

b) Copy of the deposit slip.

c) Weekly reporting forms.

We hope thatyour program is being very successful.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 27, 1966

Bank of Moundville
Moundville, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find our check in the amount of $40.98 to be deposited in the account of the Hale County Improvement and Progressive Association, Greensboro, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Lewis Black

May 12, 1966

Mr. Lewis Black
20 Washington Street
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

In compliance with the provisions of our guidelines, we are forwarding a copy of your Bank Reconciliation as of April 29, 1966.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.'

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

AC 205
624-7118

June 15, 1966

Mr. Lewis Black
Hale County Improvement Association
20 Washington Street
Greensboro, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

In compliance with the provisions of our guidelines, we are enclosing a copy of your Bank Reconciliation as of ~~May 28, 1966~~.

We wish for your program every success, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO:nm
Enclosure

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 FORSYTH STREET, N.W. ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303
522-8764

PAUL ANTHONY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South

October 10, 1967

Mr. Lewis Black
20 Washington Street
Greenboro, Alabama

Dear Mr. Black:

In 1966, the Voter Education Project made a grant to Ha e County Improvement Association 20 Washington Street, Greenboro, Alabama.

In view of the fact that this account is inactive, it becomes necessary for us to close out this account. Our records indicate that you have a balance in the bank, Bank of Moundville, in the amount of $ 56.24. Please return said balance ($ 56.24) to the Voter Education Project immediately.

If we can be of further service to you in getting this matter cleared up, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive, Jr.
Administrative Assistant

TO:nm

cc:

INTRA-OFFICE USE ONLY

Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Hale County

~~ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS, INC.~~

XXXXXXXXXXX, Project Director

Budget Revision One Month

VEP 66-10 Reporting Day Friday

Director @$40.00 per week	$160.00	
(2) Field Workers @$25.00 per week	200.00	
Travel and Transportation	250.00	
Rent	40.00	
Supplies	50.00	
Postage	15.00	
		$715.00

C.C. Robert Valder

Ala. Council

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P.O 1310
Auburn Ala 36830

August 5, 1966

Mr. Robert Valder
Alabama Council on Human Relations
~~2809 Governors Drive, S.W.~~
~~Huntsville, Alabama~~

Dear Mr. Valder:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Rural Advancement Project of Alabama Council on Human Relations to conduct a citizenship education program relative to the 1966 Alabama Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service elections for the period of August 6, to September 6, 1966. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $1,650.00 for a one month program.

The amount granted is to cover the following:

Subsistance	
(10) People @ $15. per week	$600.00
Secretary @ $25. per week	100.00
Transportation	750.00
Office Supplies	125.00
Telephone	125.00
	$1,650.00

Our check in the amount of $1,650.00 is enclosed. Please sign and return the enclosed receipt carbon immediately.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of or against any political candidate. You should urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Research Director, Mr. Marvin Wall, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ/pf
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Lewis Black
Mr. Edwin Stanfield

Check in the amount of $1,650.00 received from VEP on this _____day of _____, 1966

Signed:_____
(Mrs.) Robert Valder
Alabama Council on Human Relations

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April 6, 1966

Mr. Hosea Williams
Director
Department of Voter Registration
and Political Education
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in Jefferson County, Alabama. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program for a three week "crash" (April 1 - April 22) program of citizenship education and voter registration in the amount of $720.00.

In accordance with our agreement, the grant will go directly to the Voter Education Project of Jefferson County, headed by Messrs. Isaac Mitchell and Edward Gardner, who have been designated by you to conduct the SCLC program in that county.

The Project understands that there are only four days for registration in Jefferson County during this three week period, consequently, this grant is for both voter registration and citizenship education.

The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Transportation	$ 225.00
b)	Director's salary @$45.00 per week	135.00
c)	Task Force Workers (4) @$15.00 per week	270.00
d)	Office Supplies	50.00
e)	Postage	15.00
f)	Printing	25.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank. The Project will mail a deposit directly to the for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program, and a copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records, and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Wednesday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully, and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit semi-monthly reports, setting forth the following: a) number of persons registered, b) method used in getting persons to the registration office, c) increase of number of new voters in the two week period, d) problems, if any, encountered with local

registrars, police, or private citizens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Director of Research, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:nm
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Edward Gardner

April 7, 1966

Mr. Isaac Mitchell
505½ North 17th Street
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms; b) copy of our letter to the American National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, and c) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due Wednesday of each week.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

cc: Hosea Williams

April 7, 1966

American National Bank
Birmingham, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $300.00 to be deposited to the account of the Jefferson County Voter Education Project, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Isaac Mitchell
Mr. Hosea Williams

April 13, 1966

Mr. Edward Gardner
1616 Avenue N.
Birmingham, Alabama

Re: VEP 6-28

Dear Mr. Gardner:

In view of the crash nature of the voter registration program you are conducting under terms of your Voter Education Project grant for the period April 1 to April 22, 1966, two research reports from Jefferson County Voter Education Project will be sufficient.

Priority should be given to the completion and return of the enclosed form immediately after the books close in Alabama April 22. The accuracy of this information is of vital importance to VEP. The figures particularly for "Number successfully registered" should be actual numerical count and not an estimate.

The longer, narrative report should come second and so that you may have adequate time to evaluate your efforts, it should be in our offices by April 30. This should include a description of the number and organization of campaign workers and their techniques during this registration drive. With it you should include samples of any printed materials used. Please do not hesitate to describe any obstacles you encountered, either within your program and from without. As concise a report as

you are able to make to us will enable you and VEP to evaluate your program and to plan well for similar programs in the future.

Best wishes for your success. We look forward to your reports.

Sincerely,

Barbara Patterson
Director of Research

BP/pf
cc Hosea Williams

BOND STAMPED

May 12, 1966

Mr. Edward Gardner
505½ 17th North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gardner:

In her letter to you of April 14, 1966, Mrs. Patterson mentioned the research reports the Voter Education Project would require of the Jefferson County Voter Education Project. This report was due in our office on or about April 30, 1966.

In order for us to properly complete our files, would you please submit this report at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo

cc: Mr. Hosea Williams

CHAS. V. HENDLEY,
Grand Master
Box 1729, Birmingham, Ala.

H. COUNCILL TRENHOLM,
Deputy Grand Master
Teachers State College
Montgomery, Ala.

EUGENE M. WYNN,
Senior Grand Warden
Box 664
Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

J. Q. PINCKNEY,
Junior Grand Warden
262 Lexington Ave.
Mobile, Ala.

CHARLES F. GUICE,
Grand Treasurer
P. O. Drawer 38
Clio, Alabama

R. D. NESBITT,
Grand Secretary
Box 1704, Montgomery, Ala.

DR. FRANK E. STEELE, G.M.R.
P. O. Box 307
Opelika, Alabama

Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge

F. & A. M. of Alabama

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Dothan, Ala.

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Endowment Secretary
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Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

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Grand Trustee
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DR. H. C. FEARN,
Grand Trustee
508 Gallatin St., S. W
Huntsville, Ala.

R. D. NESBITT,
C. C. F. C.
1015 Tuscaloosa St.
Montgomery, Ala.

Office of
DR. FRANK E. STEELE, Grand Medical Registrar
Phone SHerwood 5-5261
P. O. Box 307
Opelika, Alabama

March 18, 1966

RECEIVED
MAR 22 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Voter Education Project
Southern Region Council, Inc.
5 Forsythe Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Voter Education
Voter Registration
Citizenship Education

Dear Mr. Jordan:

After having a personal visit from Mr. Wiley Brannon of the Justice Department, Washington, D. C., and after having done things that he suggested and advised, I hereby give you a complete resume of what has been done:

Opelika Voters League, Rev. A. L. Wilson, President; Auburn Voters League, Arthur Hall, President, Salem Voters League, Mr. McKissick, President, who in one meeting became Lee County Voters League with the Presidents and twelve other members forming the Board of Directors. We have divided the County into zones and even further divided these areas. The following committees have been formed:

1) Registration
2) Education
3) Transportation
4) Qualifications
5) Finance
6) Program
7) Constitution

These Committees have their chairmen and are hard at work. We have registered 700 voters and we need 2500 more in the next three weeks.

We plan to get printed material, speakers, and transportation to accomplish this mission. If there is anything that needs clarification, kindly call me collect and we will be glad to give this information.

Mr. Brannon called and this information was given to him by phone. He suggested and strongly advised that we should write you regarding funds. The financial weight is heavy for these people. Fear of jobs, fear of personal loss--but this battle must be fought. We would like to submit a budget of $1,000. or any portion that is to be received from your organization.

We intend to follow all rules and regulations laid down by you for good business, honesty and integrity.

I, Dr. Frank E. Steele, will be personally responsible to see that the proper functions are carried to a successful end.

I am sure you can check with Mr. Brannon about this or any other information.

I remain

Frank E. Steele/s
Frank E. Steele, M. D.

G. R. Young/s
G. R. Young, Jr.
Co-chairmen
Voters Registration and Education
Project
Lee County Voters League

FES:GRY:s

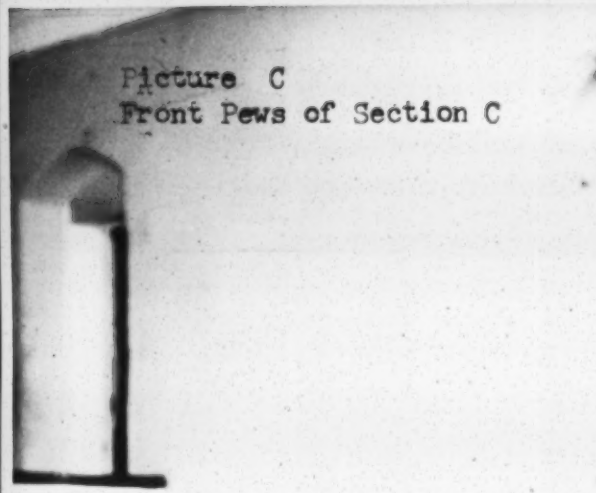
Picture A
Front Pews in Section A

OPELIKA, ALABAMA MEETING
LEE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE
MAY 2, 1966

ST. LUKE'S A.M.E. CHURCH
1308-12 Auburn Street
Opelika, Alabama

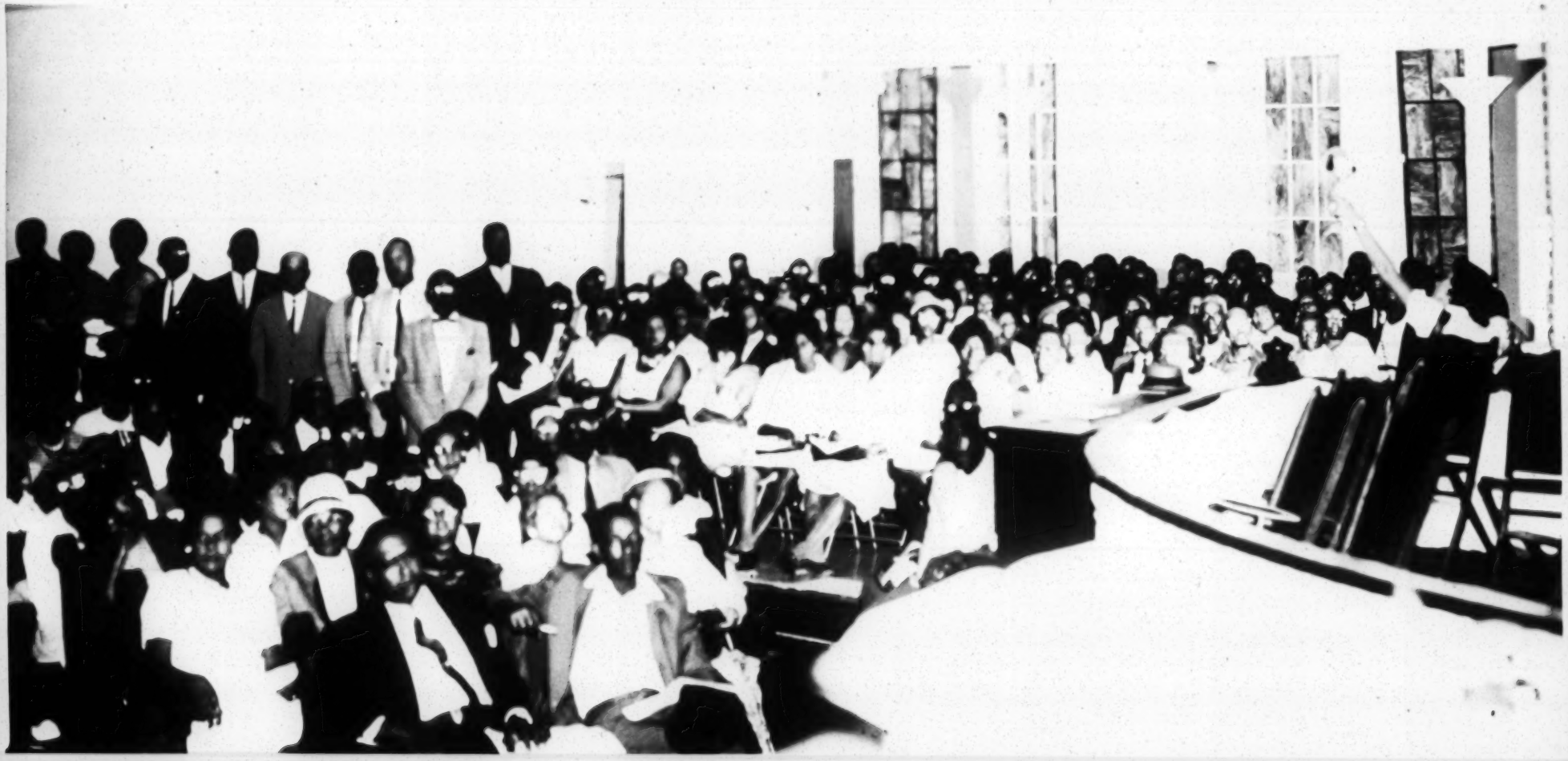
Picture A-R
Rear Pews in Section A
Part of Section B

Picture B
Section B and Balcony



Picture C
Front Pews of Section C

Annex Floor and Balcony
Accomodating Overflow



THE LEE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Rev. R. E. Peters, Director
1312 Auburn Street
Opelika, Alabama 36801
Telephone 745-7201

May 14, 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan, Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan,

This is an application for a grant from the Voter Education Project for a Voter Registration Program in Lee County, Alabama. In preparation for this program we have reorganized the Lee County Voters League into county units representing Opelika, Auburn, Smith Station, Loachapoka and Salem. We have organized a campaign committee to be responsible for the Voter Registration Program. We have organized a special committee of the Director and the principals of the four high schools in the county to make a survey of the Negro families in Lee County that will give us the

1) name and address of every Negro person in Lee County in May 1966;
2) name,address, telephone number, employment status, etc. of each adult person in Lee County who is registered and each adult who is not registered on the 30th day of May in 1966; and
3) the number of persons now residing in Lee County who, if they live and/or remain in Lee County, will reach voting age during the next twenty years.

Forty selected students, representing each of the four high schools,(160) will make the survey under the direction of the four principals and report to the Director of the Program on May 27, 1966. When this information is received, we will be in a position to define in specific terms and figures

the final goal of our program in Lee County.

THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM

In addition to assembling the data referred to on the previous page, we believe the following goals are reasonable and attainable in the program for which this application is submitted:

1) To register 1200 Negroes during this program period;

2) To perfect a permanent plan for voter registration and

3) To conduct the program in accordance with the rules of the Voter Education Project of the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

We believe this is a reasonable and attainable immediate goal because the people in the county are interested in voting. Enclosed are four pictures taken of just the Lee County's Opelika section of our Voters League (Monday April 25) at St. Luke's A. M. E. Church. On the same night and on Monday night one week later, there was a similar meeting at Auburn with as many people present, and smaller meetings (at the same time)in Salem and Smith Station. Attendance at the four meetings on both nights was more than 2000.

The Lee County Bulletin (see the Exhibit enclosed) says Negro registration has increased from 1000 to nearly 3500 during the last two years and that it is 22.6 percent of the total registration. Because we could not reach more than 2000 to 2500 through meetings was one of the reasons we decided to make the survey of Negro families in Lee County.

At the last census the population of Lee County was 49,754.

The Negro population at that time was reported as 18,296.

Of that number, the school population was reported as 5,271.

One report indicated the adult non-white population 13,025.

Another indicated the adult non-white population as 12,177.

The problem of identifying the Negro voter, we think, is solved by the family survey which we have proposed.

Lee County

Lee County, lies along the Eastern boundary line of the state of Alabama, approximately midway between the Northern and Southern borders of the state. The County lines were fixed by the Legislature on December 15, 1866. It embraces Little Uchee, the place where the Creek Indians held their last assembly before being moved to the West in 1836 and is the home of former Governor William J. Samford and former U.S. Senator James Dowdell.

The County is (with Chambers, Macon, Randolph and Tallapoosa) a part of the states' Fifth Judicial Circuit; served by three Circuit Judges and one solicitor. Each county has its own circuit clerk.

The County is administered by the Commissioners Court which meets the second Monday and last day of each month. The Judge of Probate (chairman) and four commissioners comprise the court; assisted by the county engineer, county attorney and the chief clerk of the commissioner's court.

The County has a Tax Assessor, a Tax Collector, a Sheriff, (seven deputies), a Coroner and a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas (which has a juvenile division).

Lee County has two urban communities, Auburn, the seat of Auburn University, and Opelika, the county seat.

The city of Opelika has a Board of Commissioners; (three) one of whom the commissioners elect to serve as mayor (chairman of the commission) and one city clerk.

The city of Auburn has a Mayor, a City Clerk, who is also City Manager, and nine councilmen.

We have been unable to locate a map of the county for the application.

AREA OF CONSENTRATION OF THE PROGRAM

The area of consentration for this proposed program is the Negro population of Lee County, Alabama, between the ages of 21 and 64. The reason for the choice of this age group is obvious, but the facts shown in the following tables will indicate the urgency of the need for an intensive voter registration program.

TABLE I. THE NEGRO POPULATION OF LEE COUNTY IN THREE BASIC AGE GROUPS IN 1960

Group Definition	Percent Age 0 - 17	Percent Age 18 - 64	Percent Age 65 and over	Percent as Group Total
Negro Percent of Total Population of Lee County	17.03	17.31	2.61	36.77
Total Negro Population of Lee County	46.3	46.5	7.2	100.00

We have not indicated consentration in the over-sixty-five age group because, oddly enough, the people in that age group have shown an unprovoked and unusual interest in voter registration in Lee County in recent weeks and we believe this trend will continue and increase during a campaign or program directed to the 18 - 64 years age group. Admitting that this table represents the population in 1960, we believe the percentages are approximately the same today.

Lee County is a rapidly growing county. The Department of Mental Health's Base Line Data, etc. (page 4) indicates a 25.62 percent increase in the population of Lee County from 1960 to 1969; the sixth highest percentage of increase for the period of any counties in the State of Alabama. This healthy increase has prevented Lee County from hardening into any fixed socio-economic pattern. Lee County ranked fourteenth in the size of its population, compared with the other sixty-six counties in 1960 and the Base Line Data estimates its rank will be twelfth in 1969. Yet, in 1960, it ranked 58th in white illegitimacy (1959-1963); 61st in Non-white illegitimacy (1959-1963); 38th in suicides per 10,000 population (1959-1963); 13th in the average number of admissions to prisons per year (1959-1963) and 8th in the number of Juvenile Court cases involving children (aged 5 to 18).

TABLE II. HOLDING POWER OF LEE COUNTY SCHOOLS WHITE AND NEGRO, FROM 1935 - 46

	Grades											
White	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1935	289	248	227	234	192	170	141	136	95	86	76	57
1936	291	253	235	243	208	159	154	126	123	83	76	73
1937	293	256	238	233	211	195	133	131	126	111	72	60
1938	249	255	256	235	203	198	154	118	112	103	98	73
1939	248	246	244	229	208	185	162	149	122	126	114	96
1940	255	214	235	249	231	190	182	147	145	116	117	109
1941	258	225	210	220	231	215	200	155	147	130	103	113
1942	254	226	223	212	222	226	183	170	139	142	123	84
1943	272	231	208	185	205	202	197	163	166	105	115	118
1944	226	223	204	205	197	174	193	174	133	106	79	84
1945	258	222	208	200	217	174	185	165	153	115	85	65
1946	234	261	202	199	201	168	165	142	127	84	81	81
Negro												
1935	1911	571	406	369	191	144	28	24	14	11	11	12
1936	1942	661	472	331	263	173	25	30	18	8	5	14
1937	1739	727	547	379	229	164	41	24	22	17	5	7
1938	1690	727	728	474	289	234	44	20	11	19	10	3
1939	1345	593	556	539	315	225	40	30	23	17	18	11
1940	1383	599	533	523	377	275	74	43	33	22	18	16
1941	1416	570	526	479	417	284	97	62	32	28	20	16
1942	1199	591	504	410	371	288	130	63	39	21	18	18
1943	1147	584	538	429	325	316	117	53	49	22	16	11
1944	1140	479	482	416	356	277	130	75	36	9	12	5
1945	983	482	476	420	346	297	128	92	54	23	9	9
1946	863	457	454	409	376	300	137	81	59	33	25	7

TABLE III. SCHOOL DROP OUTS IN SELECTED ALABAMA COUNTIES
NUMBER LEAVING SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL YEAR 1964-1965

County-Area	Boys	Girls	Total	Population rank	Dropout Rank
Lownes	16	17	33	63	55
Autauga	2	4	6	43	62
Clay	5	7	12	66	59
Elmore	31	18	49	28	47
Hale	6	5	11	53	60
Lee	105	83	188	12	14
Calhoun	127	91	218	6	11
Madison	228	181	409	3	4
Jefferson	940	635	1575	1	1

We respectfully submit the tables II. and III. on the preceding page for a very important reason. A spot survey revealed that fewer adults, percentage-wise, between the ages of 35 and 50 were registered than those either younger or older. In attempting to determine why, we found A. J. Fields' study of the Holding Power of Lee County Schools which, as you will see, indicates that the Lee County resident who is now 37 years of age entered school in 1935 in a class of 1911 first graders in all of the Negro Elementary Schools in the county and, of that number, only seven (7) entered the 12th grade in 1946. The problem is with us today, as table III. indicates, but it is the Lee County Negro resident, between 33 and 43 years of age who is the hard core of our problem. A close examination of the four pictures, submitted with this application, is a dramatic illustration of the problem.

Despite this fact, as the tables and exhibits on the following pages will show, we have an effective organization in the Lee County Voters League. We sent questionaires to twenty-two local candidates (exhibit C-2) and sixteen were returned with answers eight and nine in the affirmative. All pleaded "no opportunity" in answer to question 10. We gave them the "opportunity" (exhibit C-4) and seven Negroes from our list and one other were appointed election clerks: the first to serve in the county. We used an analysis sheet to evaluate the candidates (exhibit C-3), told the candidates how and why we were using it, and we came out of the campaign with the respect of the losers and winners alike. Our votes were noticably the determinant in all of the county contests except two.

We think this record is a tribute to the leadership the League provided. The median school years completed by all Lee County residents 25 years of age and over (according to Richardson) is reported as 9.4 as of 1960, but this percentage is due to the education of the 900 members of the Auburn University faculty who are residents of Lee County. The years of schooling completed by Negroes in Lee County is, in our opinion, much nearer the pattern of the Negroes

in the State of Alabama in the year 1960 as Richardson reported last year.

TABLE IV. YEARS OF SCHOOLING COMPLETED BY PERSONS 25 YEARS OLD AND OVER IN 1960

Racial Group in Alabama	None	1-4 years	5-6 years	7 years	8 years	High School 1 - 3	High School 4 -	College Years 1 - 3	College Years 4 -
White %	1.6	7.7	11.9	8.4	11.4	22.3	22.4	7.4	6.7
Non-white %	8.8	27.2	19.2	8.2	9.0	14.8	7.7	2.2	2.9
Urban Negro %	7.1	23.2	17.6	8.3	10.2	17.2	10.0	2.9	3.7
Rural Negro %	11.4	33.3	21.6	8.1	7.2	11.3	4.3	1.2	1.7

Lee County was once an agricultural area, but industrialization in the vicinity of Opelika and service employment at Auburn University is reflected in the following table from the Base Line Data Study.

TABLE V. OCCUPATIONS IN LEE COUNTY

The Year	Agricultural	Non-Agricultural
1960	5.95	94.05
1950	15.79	80.84

Per capita income in Lee County in 1963 was $1,386.00 and the percent of families with income(for the year 1963) under $2,000.00 was 24.10%. In the year 1964-65, there were 13,946 housing units in the county, but,according to the rather liberal measurements by which they were judged, 1,716 were dilapidated. That is only 12.30%. It is our opinion that 25% is a more accurate figure for the county as a whole, and the figure would probably increase to 40% for the Negro housing that is substandard.

REGISTRATION

Registration dates are the first and third Mondays in each months, from 8:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. (extended to 5:30 P. M.) when we asked for more time. Monday and Tuesday have been registration days on some occasions. We can get the time we want and we plan to use the following plan for verification.

AUTHORIZED SERVICE REPORT

NUMBER_____

FOR VOUCHER NUMBER_____

THE LEE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE
OPELIKA, ALABAMA
Rev. A. L. Wilson, President
Mrs. Josephine Maddox, Sec.

VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM
LEE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE
AUTHORIZED SERVICE REPORT OF

TITLE and/or TYPE OF SERVICE

DATE	ITEMS AND IDENTIFICATION	@	AMOUNT
TOTAL AMOUNT OF THIS SERVICE REPORT			$

VERIFICATION OF REGISTRATION

Service Report — Each person transporting any person for the purpose of voter-registration at the Lee County Court Building, during the term of this program, shall file with the secretary of the Campaign Committee a service report containing the name and address of each person transported and registered.

Voucher — In exchange for the Service Report the person who transported the persons named on the Service Report shall receive from the secretary of the Campaign Committee a voucher which shall certify the service for compensation as provided by the Campaign Committee.

VOUCHER REDEMPTION — Vouchers are redeemable and will be redeemed by the treasurer of the program at the Campaign Office on the Saturday next after the issuance of the vouchers.

Receipts — Upon the redemption of the voucher the person transporting the registered persons, i,e., performing the service certified on the voucher, shall sign the receipt book of the treasurer.

RESTRICTIONS — Service Reports must be filed on the date of registration of the electors whose names and addresses appear on the Service Report and the date of the filing of the Service Report and the date of the issuance of the Voucher received therefor must be the same date.

VERIFICATION OF OTHER SERVICES — Each person who performs a service in and/or for the program will be required to complete a service form, whether the service is for compensation or remuneration or is voluntary and known to be performed without payment therefor.

THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM

(For the eight-week period)

Professional Service	The Campaign Director	$ 400.00
	Stenography & Typing Service.....	280.00
The Family Survey Costs	For 5000 Survey Cards (tax incl.)	50.00
	To Student Interviewers for completing 4500 Negro Family Survey cards @ 15¢ per card.....	675.00
	Rural Students Special Auto Travel Allowance for the Survey	200.00
Registration Transportation	Transportation of New Registrees.....	800.00
Public Meeting Allowance	Public Meeting Ending the Program	
	Auditorium Rental	35.00
	Speaker's Fee.....	125.00
	Refreshments	75.00
Campaign Administration	Furnished Office Rental.....	100.00
	Telephone Service.....	50.00
	Publicity and Promotion.....	50.00
	Office Supplies.....	50.00
	Postage and Mailing charges.....	40.00
Total.....		$2,930.00

THE DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

We would like for the program to begin on Wednesday May 25, 1966 and end on Tuesday July 20, 1966. The Negro Family Survey of the families in Lee County has already begun and is to be completed as soon as possible. We expect the final reports by May 27, 1966. With the survey completed, we will know where and when and why to send our workers, how to plan for the most economical use of transportation facilities, how far we have come and how far we have to go at the end of each registration day.

FOR THE SPECIAL VOTER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
LEE COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM
LEE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE

R. E. Peters, Director

Exhibit C-1

THE LEE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

As authorized by the Lee County Voters League, the members of the league appointed to the committee met in the Ferguson Chapel C. M. E. Church at 6:30 P. M. on Monday March 28, 1966. Present were Dr. F. E. Steele, Rev. R. E. Peters, Mr. M. J. McCoy, Mr. R. H. McKissic, Mr. Paul Gibson, Mrs. Ernestine Stringer, Mrs. Mary Ann Thomas and Mrs. Julia Marshall (members) Rev. A. L. Wilson, President of the league and Rev. G. W. Coar, Pastor of Ferguson Chapel.

Rev. Wilson delivered the invocation. Dr. Steele made a brief introductory statement and moved the election of Rev. Peters and Mrs. Marshall as chairman and secretary, respectively. The motions passed.

The chairman read the agenda suggested in the letter calling the meeting of the committee (1. Rules, 2. Criteria, 3. Sources, 4 Report Forms). The committee adopted the agenda and unanimously passed the following motions:

1. That the committee's work be done in accordance with Robert's Rules of Orde.
2. That one standard be used by the committee in judging the qualifications of all of the candidates for public office;

3. That the criteria for evaluation contain the candidate's self-appraisal, education, offices held, religious affiliation, reputation, fraternal affiliation, attitude toward equal opportunity, and such other questions as the Lee County Voters League should require;

4. The the candidates for office in Lee County be given a questionaire, based on the said criteria, to complete and return to the committee (for use in the preparation of its report to the Lee County Voters League). That the questionaire be delivered in person or sent by registered mail,with the request that the reply be returned not later than April 18, 1966.

5. That the reports of the Alabama Democratic Conference, Inc. and the Alabama State Coordinating Association for Registration and Voting (to be issued on April 24, 1966) be used by the committee in making its report on the qualification of candidates for all state offices in the Primary, May 3, 1966.

6. The the form of the reports to be made by the committee be considered for adoption at the next regular meeting of the committee.

7. That members of the committee will not under any circumstances attempt to speak or act for the committee without being authorized by vote of the committee.

The chairman asked the secretary to prepare the following for the committee:
a) copies of the minutes of this meeting for the meeting April 4th;
b) questionaires for the candidates for approval in the next meeting;
c) evaluation forms for the approval of the committee in the next meeting;
d) a design of the report froms for approval in the next meeting.

Rev. Wilson thanked the members of the committee for their service and the chairman thanked all present for their contribution to the successful expedition of the work of the committee in its first meeting. The chairman then declared the meeting adjourned to meet again on Monday April 4, 1966 at 6:30 P. M.

S/ R. E. Peters, Chairman

S/ Julia Marshall, Secretary

Exhibit C-2

Lee County Voters League
Rev. A. L. Wilson, Pres.
605 Torbert Boulevard
Opelika, Alabama 36801
Telephone 745-2726

Committee on Qualification
for Public Office
Rev.R.E.Peters,Chairman
1312 Auburn Street
Opelika, Alabama 36801

QUESTIONAIRE

FOR ALL

CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE IN LEE COUNTY

Please answer and return to the Committee on Qualifications not later than April 15.

1. What are the reasons for your candidacy? _____

2. What is your political party or affiliation? _____

3. What are your fraternal affiliations? _____

4. What is your religious affiliation? _____

5. What is the extent of your formal education? _____

What appointive offices have you held and by whom were you appointed?

6. The Appointive Offices Term of Office Appointed by

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What elective offices have you held?

7. The Elective Offices Term of Office

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

8. Do you support the principle of equal opportunity for All A ericans?_____

9. Would you support for public office and/or appoint to public office qualified persons, regardless of their race or creed?_____

10. Have you appointed a non-white person to any office at any time?_____

11. What is your name?_____

12. What is your present employment?_____

_____

Note

Whether you wish to answer the questionaire or not please return the questionaire to the Committee on Qualification for Public Office by April 15. 1966. You are welcome to see the committee in person or to send to the committee any signed statement you wish the committee to use. You may keep one of the enclosed forms for your files.

FOR THE COMMITTEE ON QUALIFICATION
FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

R. E. Peters, Chairman

Exhibit C-3

C-3

LEE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE

COMMITTEE ON QUALIFICATION FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

POLITICAL CANDIDACY EVALUATION SHEET

THE CANDIDATE

Name_____ Age___

Address_____

Present Employment_____

THE OFFICE

_____

_____

THE FINDINGS

It is the finding of the committee that, by comparison with the other candidates for the office herein indicated, the candidate named herein is

_____

1.	Self-Appraisal and Candidacy Goals	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2.	Formal Education	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3.	Political Affiliation	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4.	Appointive Offices Record	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5.	Elective Offices Record.....	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6.	Religious Affiliation	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7.	Reputation	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8.	Fraternal Affiliation	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9.	Position on Equal Opportunity for American Minorities.....	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10.	Position on Appointment of persons from minority groups	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11.	Readiness to appoint qualified persons from minority groups	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12.	Record of appointment of minority personnel to office.....	0.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Signed by the Committee

1._____ 2._____ 3._____

4._____ 5._____ 6._____

7._____ 88._____ 9._____

_____

Date

Exhibit C-4 File

THE LEE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE

Rev. A. L. Wilson, President
605 Torbert Boulevard
Opelika, Alabama 36801

Mrs. Josephine Maddox, Secretary
510 South 4th Street
Opelika, Alabama 36801

April 1, 1966

TO THE CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION IN
THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY IN LEE COUNTY

We respectfully submit, herewith, to each of the candidates for nomination in the Democratic Primary in Lee County Alabama, May 3, 1966, the following named resident-electors of Lee County and recommend them for service at the polling places in the said Democratic Primary election in Lee County Alabama on May 3, 1966; to wit,

1. Mr. F. D. Boyd 486 Martin Ave. Auburn, Alabama
2. Mrs. Ernestine Brooks Loachapoka Rd. Auburn, Alabama
3. Mr. Albert Chambers P.O. Box 891 Opelika, Alabama
4. Mrs. Sylvia Cleves Rt. 2 Box 124 Salem, Alabama
5. Mr. Robert Cooper 106 Bay St. Opelika, Alabama
6. Mrs. Leona Cooper 106 Bay St. Opelika, Alabama
7. Mrs. Nannie M. Flakes P.O.Box 562 Opelika, Alabama
8. Mrs. Vivian Flournoy 1014 Renfro Opelika, Alabama
9. Mr. Azzie Ingram 510 Lee St. Opelika, Alabama
10. Mr. Henry Jones 510 East Ave. Opelika, Alabama
11. Mrs. Clarissa Lipscomb Rt.2 Box 124 Salem, Alabama
12. Mrs. Julia Marshall Apt. 66 Slaughter Street Auburn, Alabama
13. Mrs. Maggie Mitchell Tr. 1 Box 723 Smith Station, Alabama
14. Mr. Willie J. McCoy Rt. 2 Box 124 Salem, Alabama
15. Mr. R. H. McKissic Rt. Box 189 Phenix City, Alabama
16. Mrs. Ola McKnight 203 Jeter St. Opelika, Alabama
17. Mr. Bollie Payne 1401 Magnolia St. Opelika, Alabama
18. Mrs. Ann Peterson 1309 Auburn St. Opelika, Alabama
19. Dr. Frank Steele P. O. Box 307 Opelika, Alabama
20. Mrs. Mattie C. Stringer 206 Smith St. Opelika, Alabama
21. Mr. K. C. Ward Plum Street Opelika, Alabama
22. Mrs. Nancy Wilson 605 Torbert Blvd Opelika, Alabama
23. Mrs. Mary Ann Thomas 501 Ave. E Opelika, Alabama
24. Mrs. Lillie Cranford 1300 Auburn Street Opelika, Alabama
25.

By the order of the Lee County Voters League in Regular Meeting at Opelika, Alabama on the 28th day of March, 1966.

Rev. A. L. Wilson, President

Mrs. Josephine Maddox, Secretary

Exhibit C-5

SURVEY OF NEGRO FAMILIES IN LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
Memorandum of the Meeting of Principals
Wednesday, May 4, 1966
10:00 A. M.

In response to telephone invitations given by Mr. Morton at the request of Rev. Peters and the memorandum of confirmation, dated May 3, 1966, signed by Rev. Peters, the Principals of four of the High Schools in Lee County, Alabama, ie.,

Mr. W.E. Morton, Darden High School	Opelika
Mr. R.E. Moore, Drake High School	Auburn
Mr. A.J. Fields, Jr., Sanford High School	Sanford
Mr. Everette Debrow, Wacoochee High School	Salem

met with Rev. R. E. Peters at 1312 Auburn Street, Opelika, Alabama on Wednesday , May 4, 1966 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. and after discussion of the merits of a survey of Negro families in Lee County, agreed to the following provisions:

1) that a survey of the Negro families in Lee County should be made immediately;

2) that the survey data be answers to be secured by field-teams on a questionaire by students from the four schools named above; and said teams to be chosen, organized and directed by the principals of the schools;

3) that the questionaire be as brief as the required information wil permit and that it be approved y Dr. C.G. Gomillion as identical with other questionaires to be used in his study of The Negro in Alabama Politics: 1965-1966;

4) that no prizes or awards be given to either schools or individuals for any service performed in this survey of Negro families in Lee County;

5) that compensation to individual member of the field-teams be an allowance of fifteen (15¢) cents for each single questionaire completed according to instructions given by Dr. Gomillion and returned according to the rules of the respective principals of the schools directing the teams and an allowance of ten (10¢) cents per mile be given fiedd teams traveling in groups , using an automobile, in travel essential to the completion of the survey;

6) that interested and available adults be assigned such duties and responsibilities in the survey as the principals of the four schools may decide;

7) that the survey data be made abailable immediately to each of the following persons:

a) to the principals of the four schools;
b) to Mr. Vernon Jordan, Director of the Voter Registration Project, Atlanta, Ga.;
c) to Dr. C G. Gomillion, Director of Research ASCARV Tuskegee Institute, Ala.;
d) to Rev. R. E. Peters, Director Voter Registration Program ofthe Lee County Voters League Opelika,Ala.

Rev. R. E. Peters, Director
Voter Registration Program
Lee County Voters League
1312 Auburn Street
Opelika, Alabama 36801
Telephone 745-7201

Copies to
Mr. Vernon Jordan
Dr. C.G. Gomillion
Mr. W. E.Morton
Mr. A. J. Fields, Jr.
Mr. Everette Debrow
Dr. Frank Steele, Chairman -Budget Committee Voters League
Rev. A.L. Wilson, President- Voters League
Mrs. Josephine Maddox, Secretary Voters League

Card No. _____

Family No.	Negro	Urban	Rural	Beat	Box	Phone No.

Name of the Head of Family _____ | _____

First Middle Last Employer

Complete Address _____

Is Head of Family Registered? _____

Other Family Members or Occupants	Age	Registered?	School if Student - Employer if working
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
10.			

HIGH SCHOOL REPORTING	NAME OF STUDENT INTERVIEWER
PRINCIPAL'S NAME	STUDENT'S ADDRESS

Exhibit C-5a.

Exhibit C-6

POLLING PLACES IN LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, ON MAY 3, 1966: BEAT & BOX LOCATIONS

BEAT	COMMUNITY	BOX	LOCATION
1	Beulah	1	Beulah School
2	Opelika	1-A	Opelika Daily
		1-B	News Office
2	Opelika	1-C	11 N. 8th St.
2	Opelika	2-A	Episcopal Church
		2-B	Parish
		2-C	House
2	Opelika	3-A	Lee County
		3-B	Court
		3-C	House
2	Opelika	4-A	Alabama Gas
		4-B	Company
2	Opelika	5-A	Opelika Munici-
		5-B	pal Building
2	Opelika	6-A	Opelika Mills
		6-B	Community House
2	Opelika	7-A	Pepperell Mill
		7-B	Village Cafeteria
3	Farmville	1	Community House
4		1	Mayberry's Store
5	Loachapoka	1	Loachapoka School
6	Auburn	1-A	Auburn
		1-B	Recreation
		1-C	Center on
		1-D	Opelika Road
6	Auburn	2-A	The New
		2*B	Fire
		2-C	Station
6	Auburn	3-A	The
		3-B	Auburn
		3-C	Armory
6	Auburn	4-A	Auburn High
		4-B	School on
		4-C	Samford
		4-D	Avenue
7	Beauregard	1	Beauregard Nursery
8	Salem	1	Smith's Grocery
9	Meadows Cross Roads	1	Madden's Store
10	Marvyn	1	Dudley's Store
11	Waucoochee	1	Dupriest's Store
12		1	Corbin's Store
13	Atlanta Highway	1	Pine Grove Methodist Church
14	Smith Station	1-A	Smith Station
		1-B	Elementary
		1-C	School

Shown above is a complete list of the advertized polling places for the primary election on May 3, 1966.as advertized in the Opelika Daily News published in Opelika.

LEE COUNTY BULLETIN

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Exhibit C-7

Lee Voter List Hits Record 15,000 High

1,900 New Names Added In Auburn To Make Total Here Above 5,200

Voter registration in Lee County, spurred by enactment of the Voting Rights Act, already has reached a record high, and by the time registration ends next month there will be more than 15,000 names on the poll list. This represents an increase of nearly 5,000 over 1964.

Biggest increase percentagewise is that for Beat 6 (Auburn) where nearly 1,900 new names have been added since April, 1964. There are 5,200 registered here. The comparable figure two years ago was 3,308.

Opelika (Beat 2) has the largest registration in Lee County, 5,930.

Registration in the County outside Auburn and Opelika totals 3,545.

Mrs. Buck Norris, chairman of the Board of Registrars, told The Bulletin Wednesday that she expected approximately 700 additional voters to be registered in the seven days then remaining for registration.

The registrars were in session Wednesday and will be sitting next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Hours for registering at the court house in Opelika are 9 to 12 in the mornings and 1 to 4 in the afternoons. The board asks that applicants come not later than 3:30 p.m. so registrations may be completed by closing time.

Registrars also will be in session four days in April. The dates are April 4, 5, 6, and 18.

New voters are being registered at the rate of 100 per day. The number applying might increase in the final days, and the county total is expected to be considerably above the 14,647 on the list at the close of business Tuesday.

The Auburn (Beat 6) voter list will be published in The Bulletin next week. It already contains the names of approximately 5,200 persons, more than 1,000 of whom are Negroes.

Total Negro registration for Lee County is expected to be close to 3,500, or approximately 22.6 per cent of the total. Negro registration two years ago numbered about 1,000.

Probate Judge Ira Weissinger, whose office has prepared the official voting list, said that four additional voting machines have been purchased for Auburn and six for Opelika and the rest of the County.

"We hope that addition of these machines will be sufficient to take care of the tremendous increase in voters, especially in Auburn and Opelika," Judge Weissinger said. "There will be many who will be voting for the first time. This fact is bound to slow the process, not to mention the fact that nearly 5,000 more will be qualified than was the case two years ago."

In the Auburn list Box 1 (north of the railroad) is the largest box. There are 1,440 registered there. Next largest is Box 4, with 1,362.

Judge Weissinger said that there will be four voting machines at Box 1, three each at Boxes 2 and 3, and four at Box 4.

After the voter list is printed in next week's Bulletin errors should be reported to Judge Weissinger's office. The new list probably will be the most accurate to be published in some time, since reidentification was accomplished in 1964.

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FOR THE
LEE COUNTY VOTERS LEAGUE
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TO:
VEP-60

June 10, 1966

Mr. Frank E. Steele
Chairman
Voters Registration and Education
Project
Lee County Voters League
P. O. Box 307
Opelika, Alabama

Dear Dr. Steele:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Lee County Voters League for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in Lee County, Alabama. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $1,200 for a six week period, to run from June 13 to July 22, 1966.

We are limiting the grant to six weeks subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Director's salary @ $40.00 per week	$ 240.00
b)	Secretary @ $30.00 per week	180.00
c)	Rural Students Special Travel(Auto)	100.00
d)	Office Rent	75.00
e)	Telephone	50.00
f)	Supplies & Postage	50.00
g)	(4) Task Force Workers (@ $15.00 -er week)	360.00
h)	Transportation	145.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips, and the name and address of the bank. The Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program. A copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records, and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Friday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully, and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit semi-monthly reports setting forth the following: a) number of persons registered, b) method used in getting persons to the registration office, c) increase of number of new voters in the two week period, d) problems, if any, encountered with local registrars, police, or private citizens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Director of Research, Marvin Wall, will write you regarding special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:nm
Enclosure

VEP
#60

June 21, 1966

Mr. Frank E. Steele, Chairman
Voters Registration and Education Project
Lee County Voters League
P.O. Box 307
Opelika, Alabama

Dear Mr. Steele:

In his recent letter, Mr. Jordan mentioned certain research reports that are required. These are the reports explained on Page 3 of the Voter Education Project guidelines.

A report on meetings being held, people being contacted, number registered, etc., is required every two weeks. It is important that the information be accurate. Figures, particularly for "number successfully registered," should be by actual count and not by estimate.

A supply of forms for this type of report is being sent to you under separate cover. These forms also may be used by your workers in making reports to you. We ask, however, that you not send the reports turned in by the various workers. Rather, we prefer that you have someone in your office consolidate these reports and send us a single report covering a single period. Since your program began June 13, we will need reports from you on June 27, July 11, and July 25.

In addition, we will need a narrative report from you on July 27, after your program has been completed. This longer report should describe the scope and organization of your program, the number of workers used, and techniques employed in your drive. Samples should be enclosed of any printed materials used. Do not hesitate to describe any

obstacles encountered, either from within your program or from without. A complete and frank report will help both you and VEP in evaluating your program and in planning future programs.

Please keep in mind that this outline of required reports is not limiting. That is to say, we hope you will include anything that seems of interest or of importance. We encourage you to pass along any comments of value made by workers in your program. The comments of any student workers you use is especially desired.

We wish for you every success, and look forward to receiving your reports.

Sincerely yours,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

MW/pf

June 27, 1966

Mr. Frank E. Steel
Chairman
Voters Registration and Education Project
Lee County Voters League
P.O. Box 307
Opelika, Alabama

Dear Mr. Steel:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal to The First National Bank of Opelika, Alabama, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

June 27, 1966

The First National Bank
Lock Box 351
Opelika, Alabama 36801

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $400.00 to be deposited to the account of the Lee County Voters League. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

cc: Mr. Frank E. Steel

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June 29,1966

Mr. Vernon Jordon, Director
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Rec'd
6-30-66

Dear Mr. Jordon:

In my first letter and in my phone conversation, I promised that our project would be run according to the Guidelines and in a manner that would bring credit to the Negro race and your Council.

Circumstance beyond my control has brought about a situation that would be disastrous and showing negligence on my part. Things having been done without authorization, purchases having been made before receipt of the grant and money which is the root of all evil seems to make savages out of human beings, making people say things, therefore we will run our project and we will register 1,000 people between now and October 1st and all of this will be by the help of God.

Enclosed please find a Cashiers' check for $400.00. (Four Hundred Dollars) Please don't count us out of your financial blessings because if and when these people that are trying to be leaders show a different attitude I will try to represent the League and ask for a grant. Pray that we will do our project with Peace and Dignity.

Yours truly

Frank E. Steele M.D.

Frank E. Steele,M.D.

July 7, 1966

Mr. Frank E. Steele
Chairman
Voters Registration and
Education Project
Post Office, Box 307
Opelika, Alabama

Dear Dr. Steele:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 29, and a check in the amount of $400.00. We regret very much that due to serious leadership problems, you cannot proceed in your voter registration program at this time. However, we appreciate your candor and willingness to return the funds until such time that the problems can be worked out.

If we may be of some help to you in straightening out your leadership problems there in Lee County, please call on us and we will be happy to come.

Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:nm

August 15, 1966

Mr. W. C. Patton
NAACP & Voter Registration Office
1630 North 4th Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Patton:

Enclosed ~~is~~ are the requested forms.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

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Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

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April 6, 1966

Mr. Hosea Williams
Director
Department of Voter Registration
and Political Education
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in Marengo County, Alabama. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program for a three week "crash" (April 1 - April 22) program of citizenship education and voter registration in the amount of $490.00.

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In accordance with our agreement, the grant will go directly to the Voter Education Project of Marengo County, headed by Mrs. Christine Williams and Miss T. Randolph, who have been designated by you to conduct the SCLC program in that county.

Sumter

insert Hendricks and Hatchfield

The Project understands that there are only four days for registration in Marengo County during this three week period, consequently, this grant is for both voter registration and citizenship education.

Sumter

The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Transportation	$ 100.00
b)	Director's salary @ $ 45.00 per week	135.00
c)	Task Force Workers (4) @$ 15.00 per week	180.00
d)	Office Supplies	40.00
e)	Postage	10.00
f)	Printing	25.00

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Tuesday

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These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Director of Research, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:mm
Enclosure

cc: Mrs. Christine Williams

April 7, 1966

Mrs. Christine Williams
Marango County Voter Education Project
207 East Monroe Street
Demopolis, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Williams:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms; b) copy of our letter to the Commerical National Bank, Demopolis, Alabama, and c) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due Thursday of each week.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
encls.

cc: Hosea Williams

April 7, 1966

First National Bank of Butler
Butler, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $300.00 to be deposited to the account of the Choctaw County Voter Education Project, Lisman Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Hosea Williams
Mr. William Harrison

April 7, 1966

Commercial National Bank
Demopolis, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $175.00 to be deposited to the account of the Marango County Voter Education Project, Demopolis, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Hosea Williams
" Mrs. Christine Williams

April 7, 1966

Mrs. Christine Williams
Marango County Voter Education Project
207 East Monroe Street
Demopolis, Alabama

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Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
encls.

cc: Hosea Williams

April 14, 1966

Mrs. Christine Monroe
207 E. Monroe Street
Demopolis, Alabama

RE: VEP 6-24

Dear Mrs. Monroe:

In view of the crash nature of the voter registration program you are conducting under terms of your Voter Education Project grant for the period April 1 to April 22, 1966, two research reports from the Marengo County Voter Education Project will be sufficient.

Priority should be given to the completion and return of the enclosed form immediately after the books close in Alabama April 22. The accuracy of this information is of vital importance to VEP. The figures particularly for "Number successfully registered" should be actual numerical count and not an estimate.

The longer, narrative report should come second and so that you may have adequate time to evaluate your efforts, it should be in our offices by April 30. This should include a description of the number and organization of campaign workers and their techniques during this registration drive. With it you should include samples of any printed materials used. Please do not hesitate to describe any obstacles you encountered, either within your program and from without. As concise a report as you are able to make to us will enable you and VEP to evaluate your program and to plan well for similar programs in the future.

Best wishes for your success. We look forward to your reports.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara Pattesson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

BP:hjo
Enclosure (1)

April 14, 1966

Mr. Hosea Williams
Director
Department of Voter Registration
and Political Education
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

RE: VEP 6 - 24-29

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have tpday written directly to the persons designated by you to direct voter registration for the S Southern Christian Leadership Conference under Voter Education Project grants in the six Alabama counties of Marengo, Perry, Barbour, Sumter, Jefferson, and Choctaw, April 1-22, 1966. A copy of the letter and form sent to each is enclosed for your records.

Supplementing the individual reports from the projects, we hope to have from your Department of Voter Registration and Political Education an overview of this six-county drive, with particular emphasis on what was done about citizenship education. This is a relatively new field to VEP and we believe the southern region would profit from your practical procedures and experiences.

Will you also be certain to share with us any printed materials used. Your report should be in our office by about April 30, 1966. We look forward to it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara Patterson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

BP:hjo
Enclosures (2)

April 14, 1966

Mrs. Christine Williams
Marango County Voter Education Project
207 East Monroe Street
Demopolis, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Williams:

Enclosed are the following: a) petty cash vouchers, b) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, c) copy of our letter to the Commercial National Bank transmitting funds.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 14, 1966

Commercial National Bank
Demopolis, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of $98.14 to be deposited to the account of the Marango County Voter Education Project, Demopolis, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 522-1420

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer* Andrew J. Young, *Executive Director*

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April 15, 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordon, Jr., Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsythe Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordon:

As a result of our conversation concerning the $750.00 grant made to Jefferson County, Alabama for a three week drive (50,000 unregistered voters) I am hereby requesting that the grant be doubled ($1,500).

I can assure you that we will do everything in our power as experienced in this field to see to it that VEP get far beyond a dollars service for a dollars expense.

Political education and community organization is a dire need in Jefferson County now and although at this moment we are concentrating on Voter Registration I can assure you that work is also being done in the areas of political education and community organization.

Please give this your immediate attention for our program is geared to the $1,500.00. An early reply is requested.

In God we trust,

Hosea L. Williams

Hosea L. Williams, Director
Voter Registration and Political
Education Department

HLW/tlr

CCto: Dr. King
Rev. Young
Rev. Gardner

April 26, 1966

Mrs. Christine Williams
Marango County Voter Education Project
207 East Monroe Street
Demopolis, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Williams:

We received your weekly report as of April 21, and would like for you to explain your attached statement, "We need the money that you failed to send last week, so please replace it." Our guidelines indicate that we must first receive your weekly report before any advance funds are sent.

In auditing your weekly report, we find that in lieu of $171.77 spent, you only spent $166.37 and we have recorded this on your weekly.

Enclosed you will the following:

a) Copy of our letter to the Commercial National Bank.

b) Weekly reporting forms.

c) Copy of your weekly report for the week ending April 21, 1966.

We wish your program every success.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 26, 1966

Commercial National Bank
Demopolis, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $216.86 to be deposited to the account of the Marango County Voter Education Project, Demopolis, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

We need the money that you failed to send last week, so please replace it.

Mrs Christine Williams

May 12, 1966

Mrs. Christine Williams
207 E. Monroe Street
Demopolis, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Williams:

In her letter to you of April 14, 1966 Mrs. Patterson mentioned the research reports the Voter Education Project would require of the Marengo County Voter Education Project. This report was due in our office on or about April 30, 1966.

In order for us to properly complete our files, would you please submit this report at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo

cc: Hosea Williams

May 24, 1966

The First National Bank
of Butler
Butler, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $140.00 to be deposited to the account of the Choctaw County Voter Education Project.

Also enclosed is deposit slip indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Theddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO:mm
Enclosures

cc: Mr. William Harrison

May 24, 1966

Mr. William Harrison
P. O. Box 226
Linden, Alabama

Dear Mr. Williams:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account at the First National Bank of Butler.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO:mm
Enclosure

June 14, 1966

Mrs. Christine Williams
Marango County Voter Education Project
207 East Monroe Street
Demopolis, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Williams:

April 27, 1966

In compliance with the provisions of our guidelines, we are enclosing a copy of your Bank Reconciliation as of _____.

We wish for your program every success, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO:nm
Enclosure

To VJ
From BP
Re SCLC Proposal, pertaining to Ala. only 3/30/66

You were thinking in terms of crash registration here by the Aprill 22 cut-off. We want to make clear to Howea that while some of his community-organization / political education ideas in the main body of the proposal are sound and although some of the counties we want to designate for crash registration, he lists for one or the other of these former activities, we are supporting registration in this grant. What I would like to see in the future is a follow-up on some of these former programs in a few pilot areas over several states to observe how they make out.

For registration:

			asking	granting
1.	Marengo	- together comprise House Dist. 27	$1,429	$900
2.	Perry	where candidates are fielded and	1,429	900
3.	Sumter	where potential Negro vote exceeds white. Would saturate.	1,429	900
4.	Barbour	- ½ of House Dist. 31 (Macon & Bulloch) also with potential Negro majority, but has lowest % registered of the 3 and pulls total down. has singularity of being Geo. Wallace's home ground. Candidates.	1,098	900
5.	Choctaw	- has, from independent reports, very good group working there (SCOPE hold-overs from summer '65), also candidates	1,098	900.
6.	Pike	- lowest % registered of any counties proposed, and no candidates, thus balancing VEP vis-a-vis involvement in some practical politics counties	1,429	900
				$5,400

Jefferson County 750.00

In many cases the county organizer SCLC suggests is a current candidate. So also is Albert Turner whom they designate as Ala. field secretary. We cannot fund a candidate. Suggest they designate someone else for over-all responsibility and county-wide responsibility. Possibly Andrew Marrisett, who they write is in charge of voter registration in Alabama?

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Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

~~XXXXXXXXXXX~~ Project Director

Choctau County
Budget Revision

Transportation	$100.00	
Director @ $45 per week	135.00	
Task Force Workers 4 @ $15 per week	180.00	
Office Supplies	40.00	
Postage	10.00	
Printing	25.00	
		$490.00

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April 6, 1966

Mr. Hosea Williams
Director
Department of Voter Registration
and Political Education
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in Perry County, Alabama. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program for a three week "crash" (April 1 - April 22) program of citizenship education and voter registration in the amount of $490.00.

In accordance with our agreement, the grant will go directly to the Voter Education Project of Perry County, headed by Mr. Albert Turner and Mr. Herman Dozier, who have been designated by you to conduct the SCLC program in that county.

The Project understands that there are only four days for registration in Perry County during this three week period, consequently, this grant is for both voter registration and citizenship education.

citizens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Director of Research, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ/mmj
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Albert Turner

April 7, 1966

Mr. Albert Turner
Perry County Voter Education Project
Route 1 Box 8
Marion, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turner:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms; b) copy of our letter to the Marion Bank and Trust Company, Marion, Alabama, and c) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due Friday of each week.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

cc: Hosea Williams

April 7, 1966

Marion Bank and Trust Company
Marion, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $175.00 to be deposited to the account of the Perry County Voter Education Project, Marion, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Hosea Williams
Mr. Albert Turner

April 12, 1966

Mr. James C. Boozer
Vice President
Marion Bank and Trust Company
Marion, Alabama

Dear Mr. Boozer:

Thank you for your letter of April 9, advising me that the account for the Perry County Voter Education Project, Marion, Alabama had not been opened.

Please find enclosed the signature card for said account. Would you mail the statement to

Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

We appreciate your interest and thank you for writing us.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Encl.

MARION BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

FOUNDED 1934

MARION, ALABAMA

JAMES C. BOOZER
VICE PRESIDENT

April 9, 1966

Southern Regional Council, Incorporated
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Attention: Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

Gentlemen:

We acknowledge receipt of check No. 773 in the amount of $175.00, enclosed to us in your letter of April 7. You ask that we deposit this check to the account of the "Perry County Voter Education Project, Marion, Alabama."

We beg to advise that we have no account under that name on our books. If you desire to open an account under that name, please let us know what type of account it will be so that we will send you the proper signature cards. We will hold the check until we hear from you.

Very truly yours,

James C Boozer

Vice President

April 13, 1966

Mr. Albert Turner
Route 1, Box 8
Marion, Alabama

Re: VEP 6-25

Dear Mr. Turner:

In view of the crash nature of the voter registration program you are conducting under terms of your Voter Education Project grant for the period April 1 to April 22, 1966, two research reports from Perry County Voter Education Project will be sufficient.

Priority should be given to the completion and return of the enclosed form immediately after the books close in Alabama April 22. The accuracy of this information is of vital importance to VEP. The figures particularly for "Number successfully registered" should be actual numerical count and not an estimate.

The longer, narrative report should come second and so that you may have adequate time to evaluate your efforts, it should be in our offices by April 30. This should include a description of the number and organization of campaign workers and their techniques during this registration drive. With it you should include samples of any printed materials used. Please do not hesitate to describe any obstacles you encountered, either within your program and from without. As concise a report as

you are able to make to us will enable you and VEP to evaluate your program and to plan well for similar programs in the future.

Best wishes for your success. We look forward to your reports.

Sincerely,

Barbara Patterson
Director of Research

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April 19, 1966

Marion Bank and Trust Company
Marion, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check, in the amount of $119.67, to be deposited to the account of the Perry County Voter Education Project, Marion, Alabama. Deposit slips are also enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures
Ck. $ 119.67
deposit slips

April 19, 1966

Mr. Albert Turner
Perry County Voter Education Project
Route 1, Box 8
Marion, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turner:

Enclosed are the following:

a) Copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited to your account at the Marion Bank and Trust Company, Alabama.

b) Copy of letter of transmittal, and

c) Weekly report forms.

Good luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures
(As stated above)

May 12, 1966

Mr. Albert Turner
Route 1 Box 8
Marion, Alabama

Dear Mr. Turner:

In her letter to you of April 14, 1966 Mrs. Patterson mentioned the research reports the Voter Education Project would require of the Perry County Voter Education Project. This report was due in our office on or about April 30, 1966.

In order for us to properly complete our files, would you please submit this report at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo

cc: Hosea Williams

334 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Telephone 522-1420

Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Martin Luther King Jr., *President* Ralph Abernathy, *Treasurer* Andrew J. Young, *Executive Director*

Sumter

4/6/66

Dear Mr. Jordon,

Sorry for the delay! I am still trying to contact Choctaw County and well let you know when I reach them.

Bank of Yank
Yank, Ala.

Terrie Randolph

Choctaw County

Both assignees have
the same address:
Box 226
Lisman, Ala

Marengo County

Barbour County

Mrs Jane D. Battles
Rte 1, Box 40
Comer, Ala.
Phone 687-5066

Jefferson County

Perry County

April 6, 1966

Mr. Hosea Williams
Director
Department of Voter Registration
and Political Education
Southern Christian Leadership
Conference
334 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in Sumter County, Alabama. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program for a three week "crash" (April 1 - April 22) program of citizenship education and voter registration in the amount of $490.00.

In accordance with our agreement, the grant will go directly to the Voter Education Project of Sumter County, headed by Mr. T. C. Sturdivant and Mr. J. C. Hollifield, who have been designated by you to conduct the SCLC program in that county.

The Project understands that there are only four days for registration in Sumter County during this three week period, consequently, this grant is for both voter registration and citizenship education.

The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Transportation	$ 100.00
b)	Director's Salary @ $ 45.00 per week	135.00
c)	Task Force Workers (4) @ $ 15.00 per week	180.00
d)	Office Supplies	40.00
e)	Postage	10.00
f)	Printing	25.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank. The Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount appproximating two weeks cash supply for the program, and a copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records, and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Tuesday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully, and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit semi-monthly reports, setting forth the following: a) number of persons registered, b) method used in getting persons to the registration office, c) increase of number of new voters in the two week period, d) problems, if any, encountered with local registrars, police, or private citizens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Director of Research, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. T. C. Sturdivant

April 7, 1966

Mr. T. C. Sturdivant
Route 1, Box 160
York, Alabama

Dear Mr. Sturdivant:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms; b) copy of our letter to the Bank of York, York, Alabama, and c) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, which is due Tuesday of each week.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

cc: Hosea Williams

April 7, 1966

The Bank of York
York, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $175.00 to be deposited to the account of the Sumter County Voter Education Project, York, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Hosea Williams
Mr. T. C. Sturdivant

Thank you for the Grant we all carry
a fine job over in sumter County York. ala
if my report is not like you want it, well
be glad to correct it — we are spreading all
over the County Canvasing & Teaching in most
Communities in the near future we will be in
each Community
J.C. Studdard

J.C. Studdard
R-1 — Box 157
York, ala

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Mr. Thaddeus Alice Jr.
administrative aid voters project
5 Jarsyth street N.W. Room 206
Atlanta 3 Georgia

April 14, 1966

Mr. T. C. Sturdivant
Route 1, Box 160
York, Alabama

RE: VEP 6-27

Dear Mr. Sturdivant:

In view of the crash nature of the voter registration program you are donducting under terms of your Voter Education Project grant for the period April 1 to April 22, 1966, two research reports from the Sumter County Voter Education Project will be sufficient.

Priority should be givennto the completion and return of the enclosed form immediately after the books close in Alabama April 22. The accuracy of this information is of vital importance to VEP. The figures particularly for "Number successfully registered" should be actual numerical count and not an estimate.

The longer, narrative report should come second and so that you may have adequate time to evaluate your efforts, it should be in our offices by April 30. This should include a description of the number and organization of campaign workers and their techniques during this registration drive. With it you should include samples of any printed materials used. Please do not hesitate to describe any obstacles you encountered, either within your program and from without. As concise

a report as you are able to make to us will enable you and VEP to evaluate your program and to plan wellffor similar programs in the future.

Best wishes for your success. We look forward to your reports.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara Patterson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

BP:hjo
Enclosure (1)

April 14, 1966

The Bank of York
York, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of $130.00 to be deposited to the account of the Sumter County Voter Education Project, York Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

SEAVER OF NAACP

April 14, 1966

Mr. T. C. Sturdivant
Route 1 Box 160
York, Alabama

Dear Mr. Sturdivant:

Enclosed are the following: a) weekly reporting forms for yourweekly report, b) copy of our letter to the Bank of York, transmitting funds.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

cc: Hosea Williams

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April 21, 1966

The Bank of York
York, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $185.00, to be deposited to the account of the Sumter County Voter Education Project, York, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosure

April 21, 1966

Mr. T. C. Sturdivant
Route 1, Box 160
York, Alabama

Dear Mr. Sturdivant:

In compliance with the provisions of our grant to your Project, we have forwarded, as of today, the remaining portion of your grant in the amount of $185.00, to the Bank of York, York, Alabama.

We are enclosing herewith the following: a) copy of letter of transmittal, and b) weekly report forms for your weekly reporting.

We trust this is only the beginning of a long relationship, which we shall try to make pleasant and profitable to the both of us.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:nm
Enclosures

May 12, 1966

Mr. T. C. Sturdivant
Route 1 Box 160
York, Alabama

Dear Mr. Sturdivant:

In her letter to you of April 14, 1966, Mrs. Patterson mentioned the research reports the Voter Education Project would require of the Sumter County Voter Education Project. This report was due in our office on or about April 30, 1966.

In order for us to properly complete our files, would you please submit this report at the earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

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cc: Mr. Hosea Williams

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VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

GRANT NO. 66-27

REPORT NO. 1

FINANCIAL REPORTING (Use more than one if necessary)

FOR WEEK ENDING 4-9-66

AGENCY J.C. Sturdivant

DATE	CHECK NO.	TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT	SPENT IN (CITY, COUNTY)	AMOUNT
4-9	1 ✓	Cash — Ben Owen	Gasoline & Transportation	Birk. Livingston all in Sumter County	50.00
4-9	2 ✓	Louis McMerriweather	Teaching Voting Ed.	Emelle, ala Dawson Chuch	15.00
4-9	3 ✓	Gary Wooldridge	Teaching Voting Ed.	Coatopa, ala Christian Valley Chuch	15.00
4-9	4 ✓	Author James Lucky	Teaching Voting Ed.	Yorkville, ala Mt Pleasant Church (Sumter)	15.00
4-9	5 ✓	~~Sumter County~~ John Hoard	Teaching Voting Ed.	Panola, ala St John Church	15.00
4-9	6	Sumter County Journal	Stencils — Paper — pencils	York, Ala.	15.00
4-9	7 ✓	Callie Mae Sturdivant	printing leaflets	York, ala	5.00

TOTAL (TO LINE 4) $130.00

WEEKLY CASH SUMMARY:

1. Balance beginning of week 4-8 $175.00
22 Add: Deposits
3. Total $175.00
4. LESS: Disbursements above $130.00
5. Balance end of week $45.00

I hereby acknowledge that I have examined the above figures and attached vouchers and that they are a true and accurate accounting for our expenditures of VEP funds for the period.

Signature: J. C. Sturdivant Director

S.R.C. APPROVAL

Audited ✓

Reimbursed ✓

Ck. No. 785

Date 4-13-66

Amount 130.00

GRANT NO. 1

REPORT NO. 1

ADVERTISING	PRINTING	SALARIES	SUPPLIES	TRAVEL & TRANSPORT	TELEPHONE & TELEGR.
	5 00	60.00	15 00	50.00	

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

FINANCIAL REPORTING (Use more than one if necessary)

AGENCY J. C. Stewart

GRANT NO 66-27

REPORT NO. 2

FOR WEEK ENDING

DATE	CHECK NO.	TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT	SPENT IN (CITY, COUNTY)	AMOUNT
4-16	9 ✓	J. C. Stewart	Directors salary	York, Ala Sumter	45 00
4-16	8 ✓	Instructors salary	65.00	Eutaw - Epes - Coatopa	60 00
				York, Cuba - Whitfield	
				Panola - Livingston - Boyd	
				Sumterville - all in Sumter Co	
4-16-66	10 ✓	Ben Allen	Gasoline		50 00
4-16-66	11 ✓	J. C. Whitfield	Gasoline		7 00
				TOTAL (TO LINE 4)	162 00

WEEKLY CASH SUMMARY:

1. Balance beginning of week	40.00
22 Add: Deposits	$130.00
3. Total	$170.00
4. LESS: Disbursements above	$162.00
5. Balance end of week	8.00

I hereby acknowledge that I have examined the above figures and attached vouchers and that they are a true and accurate accounting for our expenditures of VEP funds for the period.

Signature: J. C. Stewart

S.R.C. APPROVAL	
Audited	✓
Reimbursed	✓
Ck. No.	805
Date	4-21-66
Amount	$185.00

GRANT NO. 2
REPORT NO. 2

ADVERTISING	PRINTING	SALARIES	SUPPLIES	TRAVEL & TRANSPORT	TELEPHONE & TELEGR.						

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

FINANCIAL REPORTING (Use more than one if necessary)

AGENCY _____

GRANT NO. 3

REPORT NO. 3

FOR WEEK ENDING 4-29-66

DATE	CHECK NO.	TO WHOM PAID	FOR WHAT	SPENT IN (CITY, COUNTY)	AMOUNT
4-23	20	Lewis mazurkiewicz	instructor Voting Ed	Ponale Sumter	15 00
4-23	19 ✓	Ben Owen	Gas + oil	Livingston Sumter	18 52
4-23	18 ✓	Author Lee Lucky	instructor Voting Ed	Emelle Sumter	15 00
4-23	17 ✓	John Hoard	" " " "	Coatopa Sumter	15 00
4-23	16 ✓	Ben Owen	Gas + ~~oil~~ oil Coupons	York Sumter	36 70
4-23	15 ✓	J.C. Shuttlesworth	director	York and other City in Sumter	45 00
4-23	14 ✓	Luz Black	instructor in Voting Ed	Ward Sumter	15 00
4-23	13 ✓	Author Lee Lucky	" " " "	Cuba Sumter	15 00
4-23	12 ✓	Lewis mazurkiewicz	" " " "	Epes Sumter	15 00

WEEKLY CASH SUMMARY:

1. Balance beginning of week 4-23 — 500
22 Add: Deposits — 8500
3. Total — 9000
4. LESS: Disbursements above — 8920
5. Balance end of week — 80

TOTAL (TO LINE 4) $189.20

I hereby acknowledge that I have examined the above figures and attached vouchers and that they are a true and accurate accounting for our expenditures of VEP funds for the period.

Signature: J C Shuttlesworth

S.R.C. APPROVAL

Audited _____

Reimbursed _____

Ck. No. _____

Date _____

Amount _____

REPLY

March 7, 1959

The Southerner
Member of a Branch of a
White Citizens Council
Lake Charles, Louisiana
Author of the Letter to
"Charles G. Gomillion
"Tuskegee Institute
"Tuskegee, Alabama"
Postmarked "Feb. 26, 1959"

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the very informative letter which you sent me. It happens that I was not at home when it was delivered. Please pardon my delay in responding. Some of the delay is due to my uncertainty as to whom or where to send the reply. I regret that in your effort to enlighten me you neglected to identify yourself by name or address. This failure makes it impossible for me to send you a personal and private reply, which I should like to do. Since this is not possible, and since I think it is courteous that I endeavor to have it published, in the hope that you will discover that your effort was not in vain.

I regret that you underestimate your importance. Who you are is important. Your behavior affects many persons, even me. Because you are important, and because my well-being, directly or indirectly, is affected by your conception of yourself and of your relation to others, I hope that you will consider how important you are.

You are more than "a southerner from Lake Charles, Louisiana"; you are an American, I presume, and one who has probably read the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States of America. It is quite likely, also, that you have pledged allegiance to the Flag of the United States, our Homeland. I am inclined to believe that at some time in the past you have professed to believe in the concept of democracy, the principle of equality of opportunity. I am inclined to believe, further, that basically you are a "good American," because you have chosen (1) to inform me of your affiliation, and of your intention, (2) to warn me of impending danger, and (3) to advise me as to what I should do. For this I am grateful.

Congratulations on your reading CORONET, which magazine frequently contains important articles. Unfortunately, however, the title of the article which you read, "The Integration Fight is Killing Tuskegee," is misleading. If Tuskegee is being killed, it is not being killed by the "integration fight." If it is being killed, might it not be by short-sighted, narrow-minded, and undemocratic public officials and citizens who deprive some American citizens of civic rights and opportunities by refusing to register them, and by gerrymandering a city? Those in favor of integration did not reduce the size of the city, nor did they propose to abolish a county. They do not seek to destroy the integrity and the prestige of an historic municipality; they try to build its resources, enhance its prestige, and make it a model for democratic living and progress.

By this time, I hope that you have recovered from your illness. I regret that you were made "sick" by me and my ideals. Whenever I am responsible for the illness of anyone, I am unhappy.

I am sorry that you have decided not to speak to the Negroes whom you have known "because of what their race is trying to pull." Is it fair to them? Have they mistreated you? Have you asked them whether or not they are in favor of what you think "their race is trying to pull?" I regret even more your development of the capacity to "hate." Hatred is both expensive and dangerous. It takes time and effort to hate. And when one is hating, he cannot be loving. When he is acting on hatred, he cannot be engaged in noble efforts. Persons who hate are unhappy persons. Many of them are afraid, and fear is dangerous. Many persons who are afraid find it difficult to resist the temptation to engage in vice or crime. Love is much more satisfying, and honorable, than hatred. Please examine your present emotional content, and see if you might not want to talk with your one-time "fairly good" Negro friends. If you listen to them, and objectively examine their civic status and opportunities, you might discover in them something which you admire. If you discover in them nothing which elicits your respect, you would rise to the challenge if you would decide to meet and work with them in an effort to help them become worthy of your respect, and possibly of your love. If you do not think of yourself "as better than a negro," then you can afford to do this.

I am glad that you believe "in the negro having everything I have." If by "everything" you mean the civic status and opportunities to which you have access, that is exactly what Negroes are working for. When you are willing for "the negro" to have everything you have "just as long as he stays on his side of the fence," you write as if you and he are not in the same field. You and he are living in the United States of America one nation, indivisible. Where is the fence that divides? How can the Negro stay on "his side of the fence" if he does not see any fence, and if the Federal Government does not recognize the existence of any fence?

There are many implications which can be drawn from your statement that you "don't want to see intermarriage between a colored man and white women." Polygyny is not legal in the United States. Do you mean to imply that there is the possibility that two or more white women might become the wives of a colored man? Or do you mean to imply that intermarriage between a white man and a colored woman would meet with your approval? Or that you are not interested in what the white woman might think about the extra-marital relations of the white man and the colored woman? Since no man is able to marry a woman is she says "No," do you imply that there are some white women who could not, or would not say "no?" Does your statement suggest that there are some white women whose judgment you do not trust? In the United States, is not legal marriage between healthy persons considered more honorable, and more in keeping with the moral code of our culture, than illegal extra-marital relations?

You err when you say that my associates and I are "fighting." We are not "fighting." We are simply working hard to be good, productive Americans. We are trying diligently to get the same kind of education you and your associates want so that we may be able to make contributions to the culture which are comparable to those which you and your associates make. We do not want to fight; we want to learn and earn. We do not want to shed blood; we want to maintain the peace. We regret that you threaten to shed blood.

It happens that I cannot answer your question as to whether or not "damn Yankees love niggers." I have never asked anyone I know whether or not he loved me. Those whom I know seem to love justice, fair play, the Golden Rule, and recognize and respect the rights of their fellow Americans. I do know that they have allowed me many more opportunities to develop my mind and my cultural interests and competencies than have Southern white Confederates.

As for leaving the South, I am not interested. I was born in the South, and attended the public elementary school in my native state, South Carolina. Although the educational opportunities in the county in which I lived were grossly inferior to those provided for white youth, as reported by white citizens, I did have the opportunity to read the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States, and I believed what I read. I believed that I was a full citizen of this Nation, and that this was a land of opportunity, where the law-abiding and the industrious could prosper. I believed, also, that it was the duty of every American citizen to contribute constructively to the development of his Fatherland. I have spent my past years studying the arts of peace, not the science of war. Professionally, I have sought to enlighten and heal the minds of youth and men, not to poison them. My mission is to shed light, not blood, and I hope that I may be permitted to shed it in the South before the more martial-minded shed blood. Because I believe firmly that those who live by the sword shall perish by the sword. I am not now prepared "to fight anywhere, any sort of way." I am a worker, not a fighter.

As sincere as I think you are, I hope that the United States Supreme Court will not take your suggestion to "go to hell." To "go to hell" would be cowardly. There is too much work yet to be done in America. The Supreme Court in some of its recent decisions has been merely trying to implement the American value of equality of opportunity, and to rectify the unfortunate decision of the 1896 Court. The present Court now knows that if Western Civilization is to survive, it will need contributions from citizens who have developed themselves to the optimum, and this can be done only when opportunities are unrestricted. We can either work cooperatively and honorably, and try to compete successfully with undemocratic opponents, or we can waste our resources, efforts, and time, and wait for subjugation. What is your choice?

I hope that if you have read this letter you will accept it in the spirit in which it is written. It is not my desire to offend. I do not threaten you. I am sorry that you hate me. I do not hate you. This might not be of any value to you, but it makes me feel good. I can sleep at night, and I can study and work during the day. I do not have to plan courses of action designed to shed blood. I am a student, eager to learn, and would appreciate an opportunity to meet and confer with you. Those who really know me say that I am gentle, kind, and generous. I invite you and your associates to meet with my associates and me in friendly fellowship. You might discover that we are good Americans. If you observe that we are un-American, you could have us arrested and imprisoned. Don't kill us! Don't shed our blood! Let the constituted legal authorities do that.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Gomillion

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THOUGHTS OF A WHITE CITIZEN COUNCIL MEMBER*

"To Charles Gomillion:

"Who I am is unimportant. The important thing is that I'm a southerner from Lake Charles, Louisiana, and I have a few things to say to you. I have just finished reading an article in a Coronet magazine labeled The Integration Fight is Killing Tuskegee.

"You and your ideals make me sick. You and the rest of the colored race had it made before you started all this integration crap. I belong to a branch of the White Citizens Council here in Lake Charles, La. I just want you and the rest of your friends to know that we will never integrate! We will stop integration if it takes bloodshed!

"A few years ago I knew several negro boys my age. We were fairly good friends. Now, I would not speak to them because of what their race is trying to pull. Now I hate all niggers.

"Its people like you who are leading the rest of the negro's down the wrong trail.

"I do not think of myself as better than a negro. But I believe that if I want segregation and the majority of the people in the south want segregation we should be able to have it. In fact, we are going to have it!

"I believe in the negro having everything that I have, just as long as he stays on his side of the fence.

"I don't want to see intermarriage between a colored man and white women. It may happen up in yankee land but it won't happen here.

"In short, Gomillion, you and your associates are fighting a losing battle. And I assure you there of (are) many like I who are ready to fight anywhere, any sort of way for segregation. And as far as the Supreme Court is concerned they can go to hell! If they want another civil war they will sure as hell get it.

"If you don't like it in the South why not move to the north. Those dam Yankees love niggers. Don't they?"

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*The letter above was not dated, was not signed, and did not carry a street address. The envelope was postmarked "Lake Charles, La., Feb. 26, 1959, 6:30 P. M." It was addressed to "Charles G. Gomillion, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama."

SUGGESTIONS TO WHITE AMERICANS WHO WANT TO IMPROVE RACE RELATIONS

C. G. Gomillion

If white Americans want to contribute significantly to the improvement of race relations in the United States, there are several things which they may do. Some of these are the following:

1. Recognize that Negroes, as American citizens, are entitled to equality of opportunity, equal protection of the law, no civic restrictions because of race or color, for which origin they are not responsible.

2. Recognize that as human beings, like other non-Negro human beings, they desire to perpetuate their biological heritage.

3. Recognize that they have the right to transmit their heritage, and that their offspring should not be penalized because of their Negroid features or their Negro ancestry.

4. Recognize that contemporary Negroes and their ancestors are, and have been, denied equality of opportunity, equal protection of the laws, and equal access to public services, because of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

5. Recognize that over the years white Americans have profited economically and educationally from the labor of Negroes, and that even now they, as a racial group, are benefiting more than Negroes as a race from the labor of Negroes.

6. Recognize that the denial of equality of opportunity, and of equal protection and services are undemocratic and unconstitutional.

7. Try to imagine themselves as American citizens, segregated, restricted, and deprived, as Negroes are, and try to imagine how they would feel and act.

8. Recognize that Negro Americans have the constitutional right to expect, and to work for, the kinds of opportunities, protection, and services which white Americans want for themselves.

9. Recognize that a principle of social justice is that from those who have benefited much, much is expected.

10. Recognize that it is undemocratic, if not immoral, for a person or a group to exploit unfairly another person or group.

11. Recognize that those who have been blessed or benefited have the responsibility to lead in the promotion of the general welfare and in the removal of civic injustice.

June 3, 1963

Report Alabama

TOWARD CIVIC DEMOCRACY IN TUSKEGEE AND MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA, DURING 1964

- TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION -
C. G. GOMILLION, PRESIDENT

CIVIC DEMOCRACY CONNOTES A TYPE OF SOCIETY IN WHICH ALL CITIZENS ENJOY A LEGAL STATUS, AND CIVIC OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICES, WITHOUT LIMITATION OR RESTRICTIONS BASED ON RACE, COLOR, CREED, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN. IT EMBODIES THE IDEA OF EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITIES AND TREATMENT IN THE COURTS OF LAW, IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS, IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT, AND IN THE USE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

POLITICAL DEMOCRACY IMPLIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY TO REGISTER AND VOTE, TO SERVE AS AN OFFICIAL AT A POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAYS, TO RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE, TO HOLD PUBLIC OFFICE IF ELECTED OR APPOINTED, TO SERVE ON THE STATE OR COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY, AND TO ADVANCE IN PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE BASIS OF MERIT OR SENIORITY.

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1963, THERE WAS PRACTICALLY NO CIVIC DEMOCRACY IN TUSKEGEE OR MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA. THE CIVIC STATUS AND OPPORTUNITY OF THE NEGRO CITIZENS WERE OBVIOUSLY SUBORDINATE AND INFERIOR TO THOSE OF THE WHITE CITIZENS. STATE LAWS HAD DEFINED THE CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF NEGRO CITIZENS AS SUBORDINATE TO THAT OF WHITE CITIZENS, AND HAD PROVIDED INFERIOR CIVIC OPPORTUNITIES. PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEGROES WERE DEFINITELY MORE RESTRICTED AND INFERIOR TO THOSE MADE AVAILABLE TO WHITE CITIZENS. EXCEPT FOR VOTING, THERE HAD BEEN NO PARTICIPATION OF NEGROES IN POLITICS. THERE WAS NO NEGRO HOLDING AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICIAL POSITION IN CITY OR COUNTY GOVERNMENT. ON THE BASIS OF THEIR CIVIC STATUS, THEIR CIVIC OPPORTUNITIES, AND THEIR TREATMENT BY WHITE CITIZENS, NEGROES WERE "SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS."

TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA, A TOWN OF ABOUT 6,700 CITIZENS, IS THE COUNTY SEAT OF MACON COUNTY IN EAST CENTRAL ALABAMA, ABOUT 44 MILES SOUTHWEST OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AND APPROXIMATELY 38 MILES EAST OF MONTGOMERY, THE CAPITAL OF ALABAMA, SOMETIMES KNOWN AS "THE CRADLE OF THE CONFEDERACY". IN 1960, THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE COUNTY WAS 26,717, OF WHICH 22,287 (83.4%) WERE NEGROES. IN TUSKEGEE, NEGROES OUTNUMBERED WHITES 3 TO 1.

MACON COUNTY IS SOMEWHAT ATYPICAL OF COUNTIES IN THE RURAL SOUTH IN THAT A HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF GAINFULLY EMPLOYED NEGROES IS FOUND IN THE PROFESSIONS AND CLERICAL OCCUPATIONS THAN IS TRUE IN OTHER RURAL COUNTIES. MOST OF THESE PROFESSIONAL AND CLERICAL WORKERS ARE EMPLOYED BY TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, THE U. S. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL, AND THE MACON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. THE PERCENTAGE OF NEGROES ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE IS HIGH, BUT THE PERCENTAGE IN BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING IS VERY LOW. THE PERCENTAGE WITH ANNUAL INCOMES ABOVE $5,000 IS HIGHER THAN IN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN THE STATE, BUT BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PERCENTAGE ENGAGED IN COTTON FARMING, THE MEDIAN INCOME OF THE TOTAL NEGRO POPULATION IS LOW.

RACE RELATIONS IN TUSKEGEE AND IN MACON COUNTY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS FOLLOWING THE EMANCIPATION OF THE SLAVES WERE QUITE SIMILAR TO THOSE EXISTING IN MOST OF THE SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES. THERE WAS RIGID SEGREGATION OF THE RACIAL GROUPS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE USUAL DISCRIMINATION ON ACCOUNT OF RACE.

UNTIL 1963, THE PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WAS RACIALLY SEGREGATED, WITH DIFFERENTIALS IN PER PUPIL EXPENDITURES FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS RANGING FROM $5.65, FOR WHITES TO $1.00 FOR NEGROES IN THE 1930'S TO $1.40 TO $1.00 IN THE 1950'S. THE SYSTEM WAS DESEGREGATED BY FEDERAL COURT ORDER IN AUGUST, 1963, AND 13 NEGRO PUPILS WERE ADMITTED TO A FORMERLY ALL-WHITE HIGH SCHOOL. ALL OF THE WHITE PUPILS WITHDREW, BUT THE WHITE TEACHERS TAUGHT THE NEGRO PUPILS THROUGH THE FIRST SEMESTER. BY ORDER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION THE HIGH SCHOOL WAS CLOSED "FOR ECONOMY". THE NEGRO PUPILS TRANSFERRED TO THE OTHER TWO SCHOOLS FOR WHITES (AT NOTASULGA AND AT SHORTER). WHITE STUDENTS WITHDREW, BUT SIX NEGRO PUPILS COMPLETED THE YEAR AT NOTASULGA AND SIX AT SHORTER.

TOWARD POLITICAL DEMOCRACY

IN TUSKEGEE, ON JANUARY 1, 1964, THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 900 WHITE AND 1000 NEGRO VOTERS. IN THE COUNTY, INCLUDING TUSKEGEE, THE NUMBER OF WHITE VOTERS WAS 2900, AND THE NUMBER OF NEGRO VOTERS, 3300. MOST OF THE NEGRO VOTERS CONSIDERED THEMSELVES DEMOCRATS. PRIOR TO 1964, THE TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION HAD CONDUCTED CIVIC AND POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR NEGRO VOTERS, AND THE MACON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB HAD ORGANIZED THE VOTERS IN THE TEN PRECINCTS.

PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CAMPAIGNS, THE MACON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB INVITED ALL OF THE CANDIDATES - WHITE AND NEGRO - FOR COUNTY OFFICES TO PARTICIPATE IN FIVE PUBLIC MEETINGS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTY. MOST OF THE CANDIDATES APPEARED, AND INFORMED THE VOTERS AS TO THEIR CONCEPTION OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICES THEY SOUGHT, AND APPEALED FOR THEIR VOTES ON MAY 5TH. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN MACON COUNTY SINCE RECONSTRUCTION THAT NEGRO AND WHITE CANDIDATES HAD SPOKEN AT THE SAME MEETINGS, AND THE FIRST THAT WHITE CANDIDATES HAD APPEARED AS A GROUP AND IN THE PRESENCE OF ONE ANOTHER APPEALED TO NEGROES FOR VOTES.

FOR MORE THAN TEN YEARS, NEGRO CITIZENS HAD BEEN REQUESTING THE APPOINTMENT OF NEGROES TO WORK AT THE POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAYS, BUT NO APPOINTMENT WAS EVER MADE. ON MAY 5, EIGHT NEGROES WORKED AS POLL OFFICIALS, AND ON JUNE 2 EIGHT WORKED.

IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION OF MAY 5, TWO NEGROES WERE NOMINATED FOR THE POSITION OF JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, AND ONE FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COUNTY BOARD OF REVENUE. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE NEGROES NOMINATED FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE TWO BOARDS RECEIVED 25 TO 50 VOTES EACH FROM WHITES.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION WAS HELD ON AUGUST 11. THERE WERE FOUR WHITE CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR. EIGHT WHITES AND EIGHT NEGROES OFFERED THEMSELVES AS CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE FIVE MEMBER COUNCIL. FOUR OF THE WHITES WERE SERVING AS COUNCILMEN. THE MACON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB RECOMMENDED SUPPORT FOR TWO OF THE NEGRO CANDIDATES, TWO OF THE INCUMBENT COUNCILMEN, AND ONE OTHER WHITE CANDIDATE. THESE FIVE COUNCILMANIC CANDIDATES WON IN THE ELECTION OF AUGUST 11 OR SEPTEMBER 15. IN THE SEPTEMBER 15 ELECTION, THE RECORDS OF THE ALL-WHITE POLL OFFICIALS REVEALED THAT ONE NEGRO CANDIDATE RECEIVED 89 MORE VOTES THAN THE NUMBER OF NEGROES WHO VOTED, AND THE OTHER NEGRO CANDIDATE RECEIVED 120 VOTES MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF NEGROES VOTING.

IN THE NOVEMBER 3RD GENERAL ELECTION THE FOUR NEGROES NOMINATED IN THE SPRING PRIMARY WERE ELECTED. THREE OTHER NEGRO CANDIDATES, WHO RAN AS

INDEPENDENTS, WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR BIDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. ONE SOUGHT THE OFFICE OF MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; ONE, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT; AND ONE, JUDGE OF PROBATE.

SINCE NOVEMBER 1, ONE NEGRO HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY, AND THREE TO THE CITY PLANNING BOARD. TWO NEGROES HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS POLICEMEN, AND ONE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS A TECHNICIAN AT THE CITY WATER WORKS.

TOWARD EDUCATIONAL DEMOCRACY

IN MAY, THREE OF THE SIX NEGRO STUDENTS WHO WENT TO THE MACON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL AT NOTASULGA WERE GRADUATED, THE FIRST NEGROS EVER TO GRADUATE FROM THE SCHOOL. (TWO OF THE BOYS ARE NOW ENROLLED AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA'S LAND GRANT COLLEGE"FOR WHITES". THE THIRD GRADUATE IS ENROLLED IN PRE-VETERINARY MEDICINE AT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

DURING THE SUMMER OF 1964, SOME NEGRO AND WHITE PARENTS CONFERRED PERIODICALLY ON HOW BEST TO PROCEED IN ORDER TO SECURE THE SUCCESSFUL REOPENING OF THE TUSKEGEE PUBLIC SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER. THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD EMPLOYED A NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, AND A NEW PRINCIPAL OF THE TUSKEGEE PUBLIC SCHOOL. IN SEPTEMBER, THE SCHOOL WAS REOPENED ON A DESEGREGATED BASIS, WITH 14 NEGRO CHILDREN BEING ENROLLED. DURING THE SEMESTER, SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE BEEN ON THE ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL, SOME WON PRIZES IN THE POSTER CONTEST, AND SEVERAL WERE PARTICIPANTS ON THE SPECIAL PROGRAM IN OBSERVANCE OF AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK.

THE LOCAL PRESS HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL IN ITS EFFORTS TO INTERPRET TO CITIZENS THE NATURE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHANGING SITUATION, AND TO ENCOURAGE CITIZENS AND OFFICIALS TO BEHAVE RESPONSIBLY.

TOWARD ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

PROGRESS IN THIS AREA IS SLOW. AS MENTIONED PREVIOUSLY, EIGHT NEGROES WORKED AT THE POLLS ON TWO ELECTION DAYS, AND EARNED THE OFFICIAL DAILY WAGE. THE TWO CITY COUNCILMEN RECEIVE A REGULAR MONTHLY SALARY, AND SO WILL THE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE WHEN HE TAKES OFFICE LATER THIS MONTH. THE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECEIVES A SMALL SUM FOR EVERY MEETING ATTENDED. THE TWO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE WILL RECEIVE FEES WHEN THEY TAKE OFFICE. SALARIES GO TO THE TWO POLICEMEN AND TO THE TECHNICIAN AT THE WATER WORKS.

IN THE AREA OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, A BEGINNING HAS BEEN MADE. IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IN TUSKEGEE, THE WHITE PROPRIETOR OF A DEPARTMENT STORE HAS EMPLOYED ONE REGULAR FULL-TIME AND ONE PART-TIME NEGRO SALES CLERKS, AND ANOTHER MERCHANT EMPLOYS TWO AS PART-TIME WEEK-END SALESWOMEN.

ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO RACIAL DESEGREGATION OF THE TRADITIONAL BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SOME NEGRO AND WHITE BUSINESSMEN HAVE BEEN MEETING, AND HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING THE FEASIBILITY OF ORGANIZING AN INTERRACIAL ORGANIZATION OF BUSINESSMEN.

TOWARD SOCIAL DEMOCRACY

IN THE TECHNICAL MEANING OF SOCIAL DEMOCRACY, THERE WAS NONE IN 1964. THERE WAS NO ADVANCE TOWARD DESEGREGATION IN THE PURELY INFORMAL OR FORMAL

SOCIAL, INTERPERSONAL AREAS. BUT THERE WAS SOME ACTION ON AN INTERRACIAL BASIS WHICH WAS MORE GENERALIZED THAN THOSE INCIDENTS CLASSIFIED AS POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND ECONOMIC. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF TUSKEGEE ENTERED A FLOAT IN THE HOME-COMING PARADE OF TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, AND CITY OFFICIALS-WHITE AND NEGRO - SAT IN THE REVIEWING STAND. THIS WAS A "FIRST". LATER IN THE YEAR, AN INTERRACIAL COMMITTEE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CITY' CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR, AN INTERRACIAL GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MET INFORMALLY IN MONTHLY SESSIONS TO SHARE IDEAS ON TOPICS OF INTEREST. DURING THE FALL, A LARGER GROUP OF MEN MET IN TWO DINNER SESSIONS AT DOROTHY HALL, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE. AT THE SECOND MEETING, A COMMITTEE FOR A GREATER TUSKEGEE WAS ORGANIZED.

DURING THE YEAR, THERE WAS MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WHITE CITIZENS IN THE TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION THAN DURING ANY PREVIOUS YEAR, AND THERE WAS SOME PARTICIPATION OF WHITES IN THE REACTIVATION OF THE TUSKEGEE BRANCH OF THE NAACP. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WAS NO DESEGREGATION OF ANY SOCIAL, SEMI-SOCIAL, OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD BEEN FUNCTIONING AS AN "ALL-WHITE" GROUP. THERE WAS VERY LIMITED PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL WHITE CITIZENS IN THE EAST ALABAMA DISTRICT OF THE ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS.

TOWARD RELIGIOUS DEMOCRACY

PRACTICALLY NO PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THIS AREA OF LIVING. THERE WAS NO INVITATION FROM THE "WHITE CHURCHES" TO NEGRO CHRISTIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY RELIGIOUS SERVICE OR ACTIVITY. DURING THE YEAR, A FEW WHITE WOMEN PARTICIPATED IN THE OBSERVANCE OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, AND IN ANOTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY IN THE NEGRO COMMUNITY, WHICH ACTIVITIES WERE INITIATED AND EXECUTED BY NEGRO CHURCH WOMEN. ON RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY, THERE WAS NO EXCHANGE OF PULPITS BETWEEN NEGRO AND WHITE MINISTERS. ONE WHITE MINISTER PARTICIPATED IN A VARIETY OF INTERRACIAL ACTIVITIES, BUT IN THE ROLE OF A CITIZEN RATHER THAN THAT OF A CLERGYMAN. HE DID MEET WITH NEGRO MINISTERS, AND PROBABLY WORKED WITH THEM IN SOME LIMITED CAPACITY.

SOCIO-CULTURAL CHANGE

SOCIO-CULTURAL CHANGE IN ANY SOCIETY IS USUALLY THE CONSEQUENCE OF THE OPERATION OF A COMPLEX OF FACTORS. FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS THE TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION OPERATED ON THE IDEA THAT IN TUSKEGEE AND MACON COUNTY THE CIVIC STATUS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF NEGRO CITIZENS - AN INDEX OF THE QUALITY OF CIVIC DEMOCRACY - COULD BEST BE RAISED AND INCREASED, RESPECTIVELY, THROUGH INTELLIGENT POLITICAL ACTION. SO, FOR A SCORE OF YEARS, THE TCA CONCENTRATED ON POLITICAL EDUCATION, UTILIZING A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL RESOURCES IN THE EFFORTS. WHILE THE TCA RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF BELIEFS, FEELINGS, AND ATTITUDES IN THE PROCESS OF SOCIO-CULTURAL CHANGE, IT WORKED TO CHANGE BEHAVIOR, BELIEVING THAT IF CITIZENS BEHAVED DEMOCRATICALLY OR FAIRLY, THE CIVIC OPPORTUNITIES AND STATUS OF NEGROES WOULD INCREASE AND RISE, AND BELIEFS, FEELINGS, AND ATTITUDES WOULD TEND TO CHANGE, AND "IMBROVE". IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE RATE OF SOCIO-CULTURAL PROGRESS TOWARDS CIVIC DEMOCRACY IN TUSKEGEE AND MACON COUNTY DURING THE NEXT FOUR YEARS WILL DEPEND LARGELY UPON THE QUALITY OF POLITICAL ACTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION.

I. PUBLIC OFFICES TO which NEGROES WERE ELECTED IN 1964

A. IN TUSKEGEE - SEPTEMBER 15TH

TUSKEGEE CITY COUNCIL:

1. REV. K. L. BUFORD, PASTOR, BUTLER CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH

2. DR. STANLEY H. SMITH, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE.

B. IN MACON COUNTY - NOVEMBER 3RD

COUNTY BOARD OF REVENUE:

1. REV. V. A. EDWARDS, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EXTENSION, WORK, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

1. DR. CHARLES G. GOMILLION, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE:

1. MR. WILLIAM C. ALLEN, PROPRIETOR, ALLEN'S STORE, TUSKEGEE

2. MR. WILLIAM J. CHILDS, PROPRIETOR, CHILD'S SERVICE STATION, TUSKEGEE

II. OFFICES TO WHICH NEGROES WERE APPOINTED BY THE TUSKEGEE CITY COUNCIL, 1964

CITY PLANNING BOARD:

1. MR. WILLIAM A. GAILLARD, BUSINESSMAN, TUSKEGEE

2. MR. HAROLD WEBB, HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF PLUMBING, HEATING, AND VENTILATING, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

3. MR. JOHN A. WELCH, DEAN, SCHOOL OF MECHANICAL INDUSTRIES, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

MACON COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY:

1. DR. T. S. WILLIAMS, DEAN, SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE

III. Public Offices to Which Negroes Have Been Appointed during 1965

A. Macon County Board of Education

One Negro (Now, two of the five members are Negroes.)

B. Macon County Housing Authority

One Negro (Now, two of the five members are Negroes.)

C. County Medical-Clinical Board

One Negro (One of the three members is a Negro.)

D. City-County Hospital Board

Four Negroes (Now, four of the ten members are Negroes.)

E. County Board of Pensions and Welfare

Two Negroes (Now, two of the seven members are Negroes. Only four of the positions were to be filled this year.)

THE MACON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CLUB

I. Origin

In 1954, Negro Democrats in Macon County organized the Macon County Progressive Committee, and affiliated with the Alabama Progressive Democratic Committee. In 1960, the Negro Democrats in Alabama reorganized themselves into the Alabama Democratic Conference, and the Macon County group reorganized into the Macon County Democratic Club.

II. Activities of Negro Democrats in Macon County 1954 - 1964

1. In 1954, Negro Democrats supported Mrs. Jessie P. Guzman in her bid for membership on the Macon County Board of Education.

2. In every election year since 1954, the Committee or Club

   a. Cooperated with the TCA in the study and evaluation of political issues, proposed amendments to the Constitution of Alabama, and the records of public officials and candidates for public office.

   b. Disseminated its findingd to Negro voters.

   c. Periodically recommended issues, amendments, and candidates for political support. As a result, some undesirable public officials were removed from office, and were replaced by men who have performed their duties better than their predecessors. For example, some members of the County Board of Education, and of the County Board of Revenue, and a Sheriff have been defeated.

   d. Cooperated with Negro Democrats in other counties in voting for political issues and candidates considered best for the welfare of the State and for the Negroes.

   e. Cooperated with some of the Democratic Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States as they worked for the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, and 1964. A bill providing for voting registrars which was drafted at Tuskegee was introduced in Congress by Representative Adam Clayton Powell.

3. In 1963-64, the Club

   a. Supervised the organization of the Negro Democrats in the ten precincts of Macon County, and contributed to their political education.

   b. Cooperated with the TCA in securing voting machines for practice prior to the elections.

   c. Cooperated with some Negro parents, the TCA, the U. S. Department of Justice, some white citizens and public officials in the desegregation of public education in Macon County.

4. In 1964, the Club

a. Has cooperated with the TCA (1) in providing the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice, news reporters and journalists, and national and regional civic action agencies with information which was used in publicizing our plight and soliciting assistance, and (2) in conducting voter registration clinics.

b. Scheduled a series of five public meetings in different parts of the County prior to the May 5th election in order to give the voters an opportunity to see and hear political candidates state their conception of their qualifications for the offices to which they aspired, and what they thought they would do if they were elected to office. This was the first time during the last 35 years that white candidates appeared together in public and solicited votes from Negroes. Six of the fifteen candidates appeared at all five of the meetings, five at four meetings, two at three, and two at two. (The two who appeared at two meetings did not need to appear at the other three meetings, as only the voters in Precinct 1 would vote for them.)

c. Cooperated with the TCA in securing the appointment of eleven different Negroes who worked at the polls on May 5 and June 2.

d. Cooperated with some white voters in analyzing and evaluating some of the white candidates seeking nomination in the May 5th Primary.

e. Reported to the voters in all of the precincts the findings of the evaluation committee.

f. Recommended four Negro candidates and three white candidates for support on May 5th. (The seven candidates recommended were nominated.)

g. Cooperated with white candidates in securing an adequate supply of sample ballots for use in the May 5th Primary.

h. Scheduled a series of four public meetings at which the candidates for Mayor and some of the candidates for the City Council were presented to the voters for statements.

i. Is working diligently to elect to public office persons who seem to be capable of working together for the development of the City and the County.

j. Is working with an attorney in the preparation of a defense for Reverend V. A. Edwards, who is being sued by a defeated opponent and his friends.

III. Affiliations and Associations

1. The Macon County Democratic Club is the county unit of the Alabama Democratic Conference, which is a state organization of Negro Democrats affiliated with the Southern Democratic Conference. The Southern Democratic Conference is loosely affiliated with the National Democratic Committee.

2. The officersof the Macon County Democratic Club are affiliated with other civic and political education and action groups which provide excellent opportunities for cooperative thinking and acting. The following is an illustration: The chairman of the Macon County Democratic Club is the president of the Tuskegee Civic Association, the research secretary of the Alabama State Coordinating Association for Registration and Voting, the treasurer of the Alabama Democratic Conference, and the chairman of its Legislative Committee, a member of the executive committee of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, a member of the executive committee of the Southern Regional Council, which has supervised the southwide Voter Education Project, a member of the Board of Directors of the Penn Community Services in South Carolina, and a member of its evaluation committee, the chairman of the National Board of Directors of the Highlander Research Center, headquarters in Knoxville, Tennessee, and life member of the NAACP.

IV. Beliefs

1. We believe that effective power and participation of Negroes in politics in Tuskegee, Macon County, and Alabama can best be achieved in the the Democratic Party.

2. We believe that our progress can best be achieved by maintaining and strengthening the cooperative relations which now exist with other county, state, and regional political and civic education and action agencies, which relations have been very profitable in the past.

3. We believe that the City's government should be interracial.

4. We believe that the next city government should be composed of (1) some members currently in government, and (2) some new Negro and white members who are now working together as persons and as officers of civic and political organizations for civic betterment.

V. Intentions

1. To continue to work for the civic and political education of Negro and white citizens in Tuskegee and Macon County.

2. To continue the work to increase the political opportunities and raise the political status of Negroes in Tuskegee and Macon County.

3. To continue to work with Negro Democrats in the State to increase their political opportunities and raise their political status, and improve the quality of government in the State.

4. To secure the cooperation of as many white public officials and Democratic candidates as possible in our effort to increase the political opportunities and raise the political status of Negro citizens, and improve the quality of government in Tuskegee and Macon County.

5. To work for the proper interpretation and enforcement of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

6. To work to prevent State officials from interferring illegally in the affairs of the City.

7. To work intelligently and industriously to prevent the abolition of the County and/or a change in the structure of the municipal government.

8. To cooperate with County officials and lay citizens in the development of a social climate favorable to the operation of public schools as authorized by the federal government.

9. To work for the development of an electorate and government officials capable of electing or securing the appointment of Negroes to other government positions, such as, for example, membership on the official County Democratic Committee, the County Board of Pensions and Welfare, the Public Housing Authority, the Committee on the Aging, County Boards of Registrars, the Alabama Legislature, the State Board of Education, the State Textbook Commission, etc.

10. To continue working for the removal of the phrase "White Supremacy" from the ballot of the Democratic Party in Alabama.

VI. Needs

1. Your intelligent, loyal, and regular support at the ballot box, as in the past.

2. Your active participation in the political education of your friends and associates.

3. Your recruitment of new Democrats for membership in the Club.

4. Your continued financial support.

THE POLITICAL STATUS AND BEHAVIOR OF NEGROES IN ALABAMA

IN RELATION TO SELECTED SOCIO-CULTURAL FACTORS

- Charles G. Gomillion -

In this presentation I shall endeavor to describe the political status and behavior of Negroes in the State of Alabama, in selected counties, and in relation to selected socio-cultural factors. Indices of the political status of Negroes will be the percentage of voting age Negroes registered to vote, the Negro percentage of the total number of persons registered, and the variety and quality of political offices held by Negro citizens. Some socio-cultural factors which seem to be related to the political status and behavior of Negroes in the counties are the per cent of the population Negro, the per cent urban, the per cent of the gainfully occupied employed in white collar occupations, median family income, and the median school years completed by persons 25 years old and over.

In order to discover the nature and degree of the correlation between the percentage of Negroes of voting age registered to vote and selected socio-cultural factors, Spearman's formula for rank correlation $\left(\text{Rho} = 1 - \frac{6 \quad (D^2)}{N \quad (N^2 - 1)}\right)$ was used. A 33% sample of the 67 counties (22) was chosen. After the counties were arranged in alphabetical order, every third one was chosen, beginning with the first one. Geographically, population-wise, in rural-urban distribution, and economically, the 22 counties are fairly representative of the State.

The Political Status of Negroes

Near the end of 1964, there were in the State of Alabama a total of 1,057,477 persons registered to vote. Of this number, approximately 111,000 (or 10%) were Negroes. This 111,000 represented 23% of the Negro voting age population. In the white population, 70.7% of the voting age population was

registered. Of the 11 former Confederate States, only Mississippi had a lower percentage of voting age Negroes registered, and only in Mississippi did Negro citizens constitute a lower percentage of the total number of citizens registered. Negroes constitute 26.2% of the total voting age population. As of the end of 1964, there were approximately 370,000 unregistered Negro adults.

In the State, the number of Negroes registered to vote varied within the counties from 0 in Lowndes and Wilcox to approximately 24,000 in Jefferson County. Only in Macon County did the number of Negroes registered to vote exceed the number of white citizens. (Negroes registered - 3300; whites - 2900.) The percentage of voting age Negroes registered varied from zero in Lowndes and Wilcox to slightly more than 50% in a few counties. (During this year a few Negroes have been permitted to register in Lowndes and Wilcox.) In most counties, the percentage of voting age Negroes registered was under 30%. In Macon County, the 3300 Negroes registered represented about 30% of the Negroes of voting age. There are ten counties in the State in which Negroes outnumber whites. Only in Macon County do Negro voters constitute more than 50% of the total number of voters.

On the state level there are no Negroes holding any elective political offices. In the State Department of Education, there are some Negroes holding some administrative positions to which they have been appointed. In only a few counties and cities have Negroes broken into the political circles. In Jefferson and Mobile Counties, several Negroes have been elected to the County Democratic Committees. In Jefferson County, there is one Negro serving on the Birmingham Planning Committee, and there is one serving on the Fairfield Park Board. In Macon County, there are two Negro Justices of the Peace, one Negro member of the County Board of Revenue, and one is a member of the County Board of Education. In the town of Tuskegee, there are two Negroes on the City Council, three on the

City Planning Board, two on the City Housing Authority, and one on the County Medical Clinical Board. There is a Negro woman serving as a clerical worker in City Hall, and the City Veterinarian is a Negro.

In the State are two small municipalities, Hopson City and Triana, in which the populations are almost exclusively Negro, and in which all political offices save one are held by Negroes.

It was assumed that there was some relation between selected socio-cultural factors and the percentage of voting age Negroes registered to vote. It was thought that some socio-cultural factors such as the percentage of the population Negro, the percentage of the population urban, occupational distribution, the educational and income statuses of the total population might determine or influence the nature of the social climate in which Negroes would apply for registration. It was also thought that the educational level and the economic status of the Negroes would influence the chances of applying, and the success of their efforts.

In 1959, in a study of the relation between selected socio-cultural factors and the registration of Negroes in Southern States, it was discovered that the highest correlation, though negative, was between the per cent of the population Negro and the per cent of the voting age Negroes registered. The following table shows the rank order correlation between these two variables in 22 counties in the State.

Table 1. Voter Registration of Voting Age Negroes in 22 Alabama Counties, 1960, and the Percentage of the Population Nonwhite, 1960.

County	Percentage of Voting-Age Negroes Registered	Rank	Percentage Population Nonwhite	Rank	D	D^2
Cullman	52.6	1	1.1	22	21	441
Cherokee	44.8	2	10.4	19	17	289
Morgan	43.3	3	12.6	18	15	225
Walker	41.5	4	10.4	19	15	225
St. Clair	39.3	5	16.8	15	10	100
Talladega	28.4	6	32.0	11	5	25
Lawrence	26.1	7	22.3	13	6	36
Etowah	25.5	8	15.5	16	8	64
Coosa	22.1	9	36.2	8	1	1
Coffee	19.7	10	20.8	14	4	16
DeKalb	19.3	11	2.0	21	10	100
Mobile	18.7	12	32.3	10	2	4
Butler	17.2	13	44.7	5	8	64
Henry	12.6	14	45.6	4	10	100
Jefferson	10.2	15	34.6	9	6	36
Bibb	10.1	16	30.8	12	4	16
Clarke	6.9	17	49.5	3	14	196
Pike	3.8	18	41.3	7	11	121
Autauga	3.4	19	42.2	6	13	169
Marengo	1.8	20	62.1	2	18	324
Geneva	0.9	21	15.1	17	4	16
Lowndes	0.0	22	80.7	1	21	441
Rho -0.69 (minus 0.69)				Total		3009

The coefficient of correlation, rho, is minus 0.69. This seems to suggest that there is a negative correlation between the precentage of the population Negro and the percentage of the Negroes of voting age registered to vote, or that the higher the percentage of Negroes in the population the lower the percentage of voting age Negroes registered to vote. This is similar to what was discovered a few years ago between the percentage of voting age Negroes registered in the Southern States and the percentage of the population Negro in those states.

When the rank order of the percentage of voting age Negroes registered to vote is compared with the percent of the population urban, the coefficient of

correlation is 0.25, which is not statistically significant. (According to R. A. Fisher and F. Yates, the coefficient values are significant for a series of 22 at the .05 level if they are .344 and higher; at the .025 level if they are .404 and higher; at the .01 level if they are .515 and higher.)

In the 22 counties, the range of gainfully occupied persons in white collar occupations was from 41.9% in Mobile County to 13.7% in Lowndes County. The coefficient of correlation between this occupational distribution and the percentage of voting age Negroes registered is 0.14, not statistically significant.

Between the rank orders of the percentage of voting age Negroes registered and the median school years completed by the total population 25 years old and over ~~is~~ rho 0.37. Between the rank order of voting age Negroes registered and that of the median school years completed by nonwhite adults, rho is 0.60, much higher than that between voting age Negroes registered and the median school years completed by white adults.

It was thought that there might be some correlation between the percentage of voting age Negroes registered and the economic status of the total population and that of the nonwhite population. The coefficient of correlation between the percentage of voting age Negroes registered and (1) the median family income of the total population, and (2) the median family income of nonwhites was identical, namely, 0.51.

The Political Behavior of Negroes in the State

Realizing that their political status is still very low, and that their political knowledge is meagre, many Alabama Negroes are working industriously as individuals and as members of organizations to increase their political opportunities and raise their political status. They are working in state and local organizations, and accepting assistance from private agencies and governmental

institutions. The national and regional organizations which have been helpful in a variety of ways are the NAACP, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Southern Regional Council, and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. On the State level, the most active have been the Alabama State Association for Registration and Voting and the Alabama Democratic Conference. On the local level have been civic and political clubs and voters leagues.

In varying degrees, and with different degrees of success, the major activities have been the following:

1. Studying the relation between political participation and civic opportunities and services.
2. Studying political issues and the records of public officials.
3. Stimulating and facilitating registration and voting.
4. Forcing the Federal Government to increase the political opportunities, and provide greater or better protection of political rights.
5. Cooperating with, and seeking the cooperation of, white voters to elect more competent and responsible public officials.
6. Offering themselves as candidates for public office, and when elected or appointed, serving as efficiently as possible.

Conclusion

When compared with the political status of Negroes in other states of the South, that of Negroes in Alabama is lower than that of Negroes in any other state, with the possible exception of Mississippi. Only Mississippi has a lower percentage of the voting age Negroes registered, and only in Mississippi do the Negro voters constitute a lower percentage of the total number of citizens registered. Only in Mississippi do Negroes hold fewer public offices.

Within the State there is great variation among the counties in the political status of Negroes. The status tends to be higher in counties in which (1) Negroes constitute a low percentage of the total population, (2) the median school years

completed by the total population, and by the nonwhite population, 25 years and over, are high, and (3) the median annual family income of the total population, and of the nonwhite population, is high. The rate of progress tends to be greatest in counties in which the educational level of Negroes is highest, the civic and political action agencies have been most aggressive, and in which the Federal Government has intervened.

The political behavior of Negroes seems to have been encouraged by the Congressional enactment of the several Civil Rights Acts, by several significant Federal judicial decisions, and by some pertinent Presidential executive orders. Reapportionment and redistricting in Alabama this year will probably provide the basis for more active political participation.

Delivered at the annual meeting of the Association of Social Science Teachers, Atlanta, Georgia, April 23, 1965, and at the semi-annual meeting of the Alabama State Coordinating Association for Registration and Voting, Birmingham, Alabama, April 25, 1965.

8th Anniversary Celebration

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C. G. GOMILLION
Macon County Board of Education

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Linesman, City Lights Department

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7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 1965

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POLITICAL EDUCATION IN ALABAMA

(Tentative Outline for Use)

I. Citizenship in a Democratic Society
   A. The nature of civic democracy
      1. Legal democracy
      2. Political democracy
      3. Educational democracy
      4. Economic democracy
      5. Social democracy

   B. The role of responsible government in a democracy
      1. The legislative role
      2. The executive role
      3. The judicial role

   C. The constitutional rights and responsibilities of citizens in American democracy
      1. As defined by the federal government
      2. As defined by the state government
      3. As defined by municipal government

II. Voter Registration and Voting in Alabama
   A. Law governing registration
      1. State law
         a. Constitutional
         b. Statutory and/or administrative policies and practices
      2. Federal law
         a. Constitutional
         b. Voting Rights Act of 1965, and other Civil Rights Acts
         c. Judicial decrees

   B. Law governing voting in Alabama
      1. State law
      2. Federal law

   C. Problems restricting registration and voting of Negroes in Alabama
      1. Educational problems
      2. Economic problems
      3. Political problems
      4. Racial prejudice and discrimination
      5. Personal apathy
      6. Political ignorance
      7. Other

III. The Political Goals, Status, and Resources of Negroes (in Tuskegee, Macon County, and Alabama)
   A. Political goals, objectives, aims
      1. In city (Tuskegee)
      2. In county (Macon)
      3. In state (Alabama)

B. Political status
   1. Indices of political status
      a. Percentage of voting age Negroes registered to vote
      b. Percentage of total voters who are Negro
      c. Number and percent of Negro voters who are public officials
         (1) Elective
         (2) Appointive
   2. Number and percent of Negro adults registered to vote
      a. In city (Tuskegee)
      b. In county (Macon)
      c. In state (Alabama)
   3. Number and distribution of Negroes holding political office
      a. In the city
      b. In the county
      c. In the state

C. Resources available to Negroes for use in political action
   1. Political knowledge (knowledge of political issues, of the records of government officials,of the interests, knowledge, strengths and weaknesses of voters, and of candidates for public office)
   2. Selected parts of the federal and state constitutions
   3. Selected legislative acts, such as the Civil Rights Acts of 1957, 1960, 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965
   4. Selected judicial decrees, court orders
   5. Executive orders, and selective behavior of administrative officials
   6. Political leaders and government officials
   7. Voters
   8. Journalists, and other community leaders
   9. Educational resources
   10. Money and other material resources

IV. Significant Population Characteristics Affecting the Political Opportunities, Status, Problems, and Behavior of Negroes in Tuskegee, Macon County, and Alabama: White - Negro Characteristics

A. Total population 21 years old and over, 1960
   1. Number
      a. White
      b. Negro
   2. Percent
      a. White
      b. Negro

B. Urban - urban distribution of adults (21 years old and over, 1960)
   1. White
      a. Percent urban
      b. Percent rural
   2. Negro
      a. Percent urban
      b. Percent rural

C. Educational status (median school grades completed by adults 25 years old and over, 1960)
   1. White
   2. Negro

D. Percent distribution of gainfully occupied whites and Negroes in selected occupational categories, 1960
   1. In agriculture
      a. Percent of white workers
      b. Percent of Negro workers
   2. In domestic and personal service
   3. In trade and clerical work
   4. In professional work

E. Economic status of whites and Negroes, 1960
   1. Per family or per capita income
      a. White
      b. Negro
   2. Percent of families owning home
      a. White
      b. Negro

V. The Structure, Functions, and Personnel of the City Government
   A. The City Council
   B. The Mayor
   C. The City Recorder and Attorney
   D. The Clerk-Treasurer
   E. The Police and Fire Departments
   F. The Light and Water Departments
   G. The City and County Hospital
   H. The City Planning Board
   I. The City Housing Authority
   J. Etc.

VI. The Structure, Functions, and Personnel of the County Government
   A. The Board of Revenue
   B. The Tax Assessor
   C. The Tax Collector
   D. The Judge of Probate
   E. The Sheriff
   F. The County Solicitor
   G. The County Judge
   H. The Board of Education
   I. The Board of Pensions and Welfare
   J. The Board of Health
   K. The Hospital Board
   L. The County Board of Registrars
   M. The Tax Equalization Board
   N. The County Democratic Committee
   O. Etc.

VII. The Structure, Functions, and Personnel of the State Government
- A. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor
- B. The State Legislature
  1. The Assembly or House of Representatives (The Lower House)
  2. The Senate (The Upper House)
- C. The State Auditor
- D. The State Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries
- E. The Attorney General
- F. The Secretary of State
- G. The State Treasurer
- H. The State Superintendent of Education
- I. The State Board of Education
- J. The State Director of Public Safety
- K. The State Board of Pardons and Parole
- L. The Alabama Public Service Commission
- M. The State Courts
  1. The Supreme Court
  2. The Court of Appeals
  3. The Circuit Courts

VIII. Federal Officials
- A. Legislative (Congressional) officials
  1. U. S. Senators
  2. Members of the House of Representatives
- B. Executive Officials
  1. The President and Vice President
  2. Cabinet members
  3. Independent agencies, e.g.
     - a. Interstate Commerce Commission
     - b. U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
     - c. Office of Economic Opportunity
     - d. Etc.
- C. U. S. Courts
  1. U. S. Supreme Court
  2. U. S. Circuit Courts of Appeal
  3. U. S. District Courts

IX. The Structure and Functioning of Organizations for the Voter Registration and Political Action of Negroes
- A. In the city and county
  1. Tuskegee Civic Association
  2. East Alabama Council on Human Relations
  3. Macon County Democratic Club
  4. The NAACP
  5. Other
- B. In the state
  1. The Alabama State Coordinating Association on Registration and Voting

2. The Alabama Democratic Conference, Incorporated
3. Other

C. In the Southern Region
1. The Southern Regional Council's Voter Education Project
2. Other

X. Miscellaneous topics

The Tuskegee Civic Association
C. G. Gomillion
C. G. Gomillion, President

November, 1965

March 8, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Voter Education Project is giving every consideration to the request of the Tuskegee Civic Association's request for funds to implement a program of citizenship education in Macon County. Because it appears that TCA will be the first recipient of a citizenship education grant from the Project, we need additional information.

How many instructors do you anticipate and what is the individual pay scale? What are the hours of instruction? Where are the places of instruction? What is the curriculum? What are the teaching materials and tools? Will there be an orientation for the instructors? Will the teaching concentrate on literacy, local political structure, national issues, and voting machines separately or combine each of these into one course to be taught at different times? What is the anticipated duration of the program?

The Project will provide TCA with voting machings on a loan basis for the duration of your program. The number of machines available to date however is not yet determined.

A final question is, who will direct or coordinate TCA's citizenship education program? We assume that it will be done on a part-time basis by someone in the college community or a community leader.

May we hear from you at your earliest convenience? The Project is excited at the prospect of funding its first citizenship education program, but the above questions are necessary steps in that process.

Sincerely,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

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cc: Dr. C. G. Gomillion

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TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Box 467

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

February 13, 1966

Mr. Vernon Jordan
Director of Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This letter is an appeal to the Voter Education Project for funds to assist in our civic and political education programs that we will sponsor leading up to the May 1, 1966, Democratic Primaries and the general election in November.

There are presently approximately 6800 registered Negroes in Macon County. Approximately 2000 of this number have never voted before-many among this latter number are illiterate and, therefore, will require much definitive instructions and minute attention in order to develop them into intelligent voters. This group is mainly in rural Macon County and because of this will create a sizeable transportation problem.

We, therefore, will need funds to transport instructors into these isolated areas and to provide them with such instructional materials that will enable them to accomplish an effective job.

In addition, there remains an estimated 2000 persons who are not registered to whom we will appeal and attempt to motivate to become enfranchised.

We are enclosing an itemized budget of $4000 which we estimate that we will need in fulfilling our projected objectives.

We sincerely hope you will approve this grant in order that we may soon initiate this project. We assure you that, as in the past, all funds will be disbursed in accordance with provisions set forth by VEP.

Sincerely yours,

William P Mitchell

William P Mitchell, Executive
Secretary, TCA

WPM:mep

cc: Dr. C. G. Gomillion, Pres., TCA

BUDGET FOR EXPENDITURE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF $4,000.00 FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AND CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAM IN MACON COUNTY, ALABAMA

1.	Portable Voting Machines (six) -	$ 180.00
2.	Stipend to Instructors Workers -	1,300.00
3.	Salaries - part time clerical workers (based on $1.50 per hr.) -	1,000.00
4.	Reinbursement for Travel within county @ 10¢ per mile -	600.00
5.	Postage -	150.00
6.	Stationary & Office Supplies -	100.00
7.	Hand Bills, Radio Advertisements, and other printing -	400.00
8.	Disbursement of hands bills and placards -	50.00
9.	Telephone service -	100.00
10.	Social Security Tax -	40.00
11.	Miscellaneous -	80.00
	Total -	$4,000.00

TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Box 467
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

March 21, 1966

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Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

This will make reference to your letter of March 8, 1966, at which time you requested that we furnish your office definitive information regarding our proposed voter education project.

It is our plan to employ ten to fifteen instructors in carrying out this program. Essentially, instructions will be given in the evenings; each instructional period will last for approximately two hours; the instructors will be in in-pay status during travel to and from site of meetings; we shall offer a stipend of $2.00 per hour to each instructor; the instructors will undergo a training period prior to assignments; instructional sessions will be held at 25 or 30 churches and other meeting places throughout the county; the curriculum will consist of general voting information, i.e., the physical ballot; how names will appear on the ballot; the relationship of the lever on voting machine to the name of candidate; the need to familiarize themselves (particularly those who are less literate) with the physical ballot; (Attempts will be made at each session to separate those present who are functionally illiterate for more minute instructions and attention.) the relative number on the ballot to the person for whom they wish to vote; actual practice on voting machines; proper conduct and behavior at the polling place; the interrelationship of the intelligent casting of the ballot to educational, economic and social democracy, and the need for voting on election day. There will also be general information on the structure of county and state governments. We shall have multigraphed or printed for distribution, a list of instructions providing definitive voter information. Also, we will have printed and distributed, precinct maps that will show the voting place of each citizens. It is our plan to provide all this information in a single operation at each session.

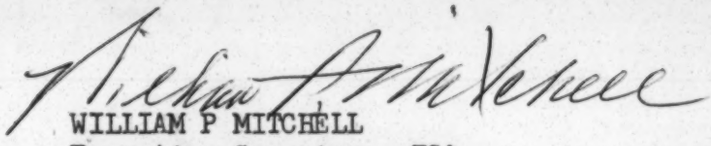
The projects will begin on or about April 4, and continue through April 29, 1966. However, if a second primary is required, additional instructions will begin May 9th and run for a period of approximately one week.

At present, it appears that I as Chairman of TCA Voter Franchise Committee, will coordinate this program, under the general supervision of Dr. C G Gomillion, president, TCA. We note in your letter that your office plans to provide portable voting machines on a loan bases. We would want six or ten of these machines.

We hope that we have provided the information that you sought and that our citizenship education program will be funded by SRC. We shall refund any monies allotted

but not obligated at the end of the program, and none of the funds will be disbursed for purposes other than those outlined in this and in our letter to you ~~and~~ over date of February 13, 1966.

Sincerely yours,



WILLIAM P MITCHELL
Executive Secretary, TCA

WPM:mep

cc: Dr. C G Gomillion
President, TCA

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
March 25, 1960

To: Members of the Southern
Sociological Society

This message is being sent to you because I feel compelled to send it. I hope that you will take the time to read it.

Several weeks ago, when I read the memorandum concerning the accommodations which had been made at the Henry Grady Hotel for Negro members of the Society, I was unhappy. Perhaps this was the best arrangement which could have been made at a hotel in Atlanta. I hope that in the future the officials of the Society will not feel it expedient or necessary to accept such accommodations.

For many years, I have been a member of the Society, and I have tried to be a good one. Occasionally, I have been appointed to serve on a standing committee, chosen to participate on a program, and elected to serve on the executive committee. During all of these years I have tried to increase my competence in the science of sociology, and to render some service in the field. For just as long a time I have found this difficult because of the great amount of time, effort, and money I have had to spend in efforts to secure civic opportunities, services, and courtesies which my fellow white citizens received by virtue of their citizenship. There has been little time left for me to study sociology, to engage in any research, even if I were competent. How long must this continue? At an annual meeting in Atlanta in 1941, I stated that in the South at that time there were so many whites spending so much time putting obstacles in the way of Negroes, and so many Negroes having to spend much more time trying to avoid, or overcome, the obstacles that there was very little time left for making any significant contributions to the culture.

During the years of my membership in the Society, I have paid the same dues as the white members, but during most of those years I have not received identical accommodations. During most of those years I accepted the inferior accommodations, though reluctantly, unhappily, and sometimes, complainingly. I remained in the Society, as I have remained in the South, and have tried to help make it what I believed it could become, a Society of scientific students <u>and</u> of responsible citizens. I have wanted to be proud of the Society, <u>and</u> of its individual members. I have wanted to feel that each of us was an American citizen, living in the South, and studying and working in the field of sociology, in the fields of human relations and social interaction. I have wanted each member to take seriously his American citizenship, and to play the role of a first-class citizen. Is it possible to be a first-class sociologist without being a first-class citizen? A sociologist has acquired some knowledge of human nature and human aspirations; he knows something of the structure of personality, and of social adjustment. As a responsible citizen, the sociologist is expected to use his knowledge to improve human relations.

My plea is that you recognize the civic and professional rights of the Negro members of this Society in our democracy, observe the disadvantages which they have experienced over the years, and work this year for the

establishment of such policy as will permit all members in the future to participate in the annual meetings, and to have access to all services connected with them, without restrictions based on race, color, or religion. I hope that as you do this you will not feel that you are "buckling under to the minority". Try to think and feel that this is the honorable thing for a sociologist and a responsible citizen to do. Just try to imagine what you would want if you were in the position of the Negro members. Let us not again compromise on the issue now before us.

Sincerely,

C. G. Gomillion
Box 31
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

TO: VJ FROM: BP 3/29/66

RE: Tuskegee Civic Assn. Proposal, 2nd letter

I think the 2nd paragraph of Mitchell's March 21 letter spells out their instruction program pretty clearly. The only thing I question, which is not primarily their responsibility, is, in light of VEP's budget, the expenditure of $3,000 (to which I have trimmed their budget, below)** for one county for one month is disproportionately high. For example, we are paying for the training period time, I presume for the instructors, and then getting just one month's and one county's use out of them. We should remember this, if and when TCA puts in another proposal to extend, the hours per instructor should be shorter. As the item of $1,300 now stands broken down one way, for example, we are paying for 10 workers providing 55 hours each in one month, or a total of 550 hours. That's a lot of voter education for 2,000 unregistered, 8,000 total voters, right?

Revised budget (numbers relate to original proposal)

1.	eliminate	
2.	$1,300.	
3.	500.	(400 hours of clerical help @ $1.25)
4.	320.	(4,000 miles @ .08 per mile)
5.	75.	
6.	100.	
7.	300.	printing primarily of instructional materials
8.	eliminate	
9.	50.	
10.	30.	
11.	eliminate	
	$2,675 .	Total **

** 400 hours of clerical help seemed enough, so I got it down lower.

Apr 4 - May 31st

TO: VJ FROM: BP 3/8/66

Memorandum re Tuskegee Civic Assn. Proposal

Before VEP makes a committment on this, its first seriously considered education program, I believe we need some more information from TCA along the following lines and also need to share with them some of the following questions we have about their preliminary proposal.

What are dates of the program for which the budget is drawn?
re 1. voting machines we will provide on loan
2. how many instructors at what pay scale?
hours and places of instruction
curriculum to be used - materials, what is the
orientation, ex. local political structure?
literacy? national issues?
who will direct or coordinate the program?
3. how many clerical workers? hours?
pay scale of $1.25 per hour recommended
4. ? 6,000miles within Macon County sounds excessive
VEP pays .08 per mile
6,000 miles at our rate would be $480
5. ? this represents 3,000 .05 cent mailings
to reach every voter it's too low
for general purpose, it's too high
7. what will be their content, message?
8. surely this can be a voluntary worker item
9. too high for within-county purposes
propose 5 mo. @ $10 per month

Temporary Revised Budget

1.	eliminate	
2.	as is	$1,300 — i.e. 10 workers providing 55 hours each
3.		800
4.		~~480~~ 320. (4,000 miles)
5.		75
6.		100
7.		~~400~~ 300 - instructional, primarily
8.	eliminate	
9.		50
10.		40
11.	eliminate	~~40~~
		~~$3,285.00~~ 2,985

(Ala. dates April 22 - deadline registration for May 3 primary
Oct. 28 - deadline registration general election)

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Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

~~Wiley A. Branton,~~ Project Director

VOTER REGISTRATION AND CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAM IN MACON COUNTY ALABAMA

~~Budget~~ Budget Revision 8 Weeks

April 4 to May 31, 1966

VEP 66-17 Report due Tuesday

Stipend to Instructors	$1,300.00	1.300.00
Clerical Workers (400 hours @ 1.25)	500.00	500.00
Transportation (4,000 miles @ .08 per mile	320.00	320.00
Postage	75.00	75.00
Stationary and Office Supplies	100.00	100.00
Printing (For instructional materials)	300.00	300.00
Telephone	50.00	50.00
Social Security Tax	30.00	30.00
		2.675.00 T

TO
VEP6617

April 1, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute,
Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Tuskegee Civic Association for a grant to conduct voter registration in Macon County. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $2,675 for a period of eight weeks, to run from April 14 to May 31, 1966.

We are limiting the grant to eight weeks subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Stipend to Instructors	$ 1,300.00
b)	Clerical workers (400 hours-@$1.25)	500.00
c)	Transportation (4,000 miles-@.08 per mile)	320.00
d)	Postage	75.00
e)	Stationary and Office Supplies	100.00
f)	Telephone	50.00
g)	Social Security Tax	30.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank. The Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program, a copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records, and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Tuesday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and your officers of your project should read these carefully, and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Research Director, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let ushhear from you.

Sincerely,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:hjo
Enclosure

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TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Box 467

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

April 5, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Jordan:

Thanks for approving our grant in the amount of $2,675. We are in the process now of setting up as you have directed.

You will note in our letter that we stated that we would need six or ten portable voting machines. Since the time for the May 3rd. Democractic Primary is drawing near, we would appreciate your rushing these machines to us.

Sincerely yours,

William P Mitchell
Executive Secretary, TCA

WPM:mep

cc: Dr. C G Gomillion
President, TCA

Ala Voting

103 Chambliss Street
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
April 8, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

This letter concerns the Memorandum sent to Negro candidates in the Alabama Democratic Primary, May 3, 1966 and which was dated April 4, 1966.

Since the memorandum was not received by me until late on the morning of April 6, it was impossible, because of the time element, to secure needed data from three counties, make up needed forms and get them into the hands of the three Chairman of Macon, Bullock, and Barbour Counties in time; that is, on April 7.

I talked with Attorney Fred Gray and he permitted me to use the names he had secured from Barbour County. For this reason, the names I am submitting are the same as his. However, I did drive to Clayton, Alabama, the home of the Chairman of the Barbour County Democratic Executive Committee in order to put it in his hands. Being Thursday, he had closed his store at noon and I could not locate him. However, I did find his home. No one responded to the door bell, so I pushed the information under his front door.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie P. Guzman

(Mrs.) Jessie P. Guzman
Candidate, Member of the Alabama
House of Representatives

TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY
OF BARBOUR COUNTY, ALABAMA

I, Jessie P. Guzman, residing at 103 Chambliss Street, Tuskegee, Institute, ~~Alabama~~, and being a candidate for nomination by the Democratic Party for the office of Member of the Alabama House of Representatives at the primary election to be held in Barbour County on May 3, 1966, do hereby present to the County Executive Committee for the Democratic Party of Barbour County, in accordance with Code of Ala., Tit. 17 §349 the attached list of persons to be considered by the Committee as potential nominees to the positions of election officers for the primary election to be held on May 3, 1966.

Jessie P. Guzman
(Mrs.) Jessie P. Guzman

April 6, 1966

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ of PRECINCT NO. _____

of _____ COUNTY Beat

//////// 1

1) Name BARBOUR
Address
Mrs. Alvester Thomas

2) Name
Address
Mrs. Annie L. Hunter

3) Name Route 3
Address
Eufaula, Alabama

4) Name Route 3
Address
Eufaula, Alabama

5) Name David Jones

6) Andrew Jones

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. Route 3, Box 114 of PRECINCT NO. Route 3

of _____ County

Eufaula, Alabama

Eufaula, Alabama

1) Name
2) Address Walter James Morris
Route 3

2) Name
Address Frank Thomas
Route 3

3) Name
Address Eufaula, Flabama

4) Name
Address Eufaula, A labama
Bear
2

5) Name Barbour
Address
Mrs. Retonia Collins
Route 1
Comer, Alabama

6) Name
Address
Mrs. Georgia Bryant
Route 1
Comer, Alabama

Miss Annie Lou Cobb
Route 1
Comer, Alabama

David Dennard, Sr.
Route 1
Comer, Alabama

Bertha C. Comer
Route 1
Comer, Alabama

Miss Virginia S. Johnson
Route 1
Comer, Alabama

Jesse C. Guyman
April 6, 1966

Beat
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BARBOUR

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ of PRECINCT NO. _____

Miss Minnie B. Guice of _____ County William Gilbert Guice

1) Name Route 1
Address Midway, Alabama
Miss Alberta Pearson

2) Name Route 1
Address Midway, Alabama
Miss Lessie McNabb

3) Name Route 1
Addr Address Midway, Alabama
Miss Eula D. Barner

4) Name Route 1
Address Midway, Alabama
Miss Iresa Bell Williams

5) Name Route 1
Address Midway, Alabama

6) Name Route 1
Address Address Midway, Alabama
Beat
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ELECTION DISTRICT NO. Barbour of PRECINCT NO. _____

Quentin Tarver _____ County Mrs. Willie Lee Franklin

1) Name Route 1
Address Comer, Alabama
Miss Lula Mae Wissins

2) Name Route 1
Address Comer, Alabama
William Tarver, Jr.

3) Name Route 1
Address Comer, Alabama
Miss Don Ella Coleman

4) Name Route 1
Address Comer, Alabama
Miss Ruth Bell Mack

5) Name Route 1
Address Comer, Alabama

6) Name Route 1
Address ~~Comer, Alabama~~

Jessie P. Guzman
April 6, 1966

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ OF ~~PRECINCT~~ Beat NO. 5

OF BARBOUR COUNTY

1) Name Miss Elizabeth Boyd
Address Bakers Alley
Eufaula, Alabama

2) Name Miss Mary Garbin
Address West Washington Street
Eufaula, Alabama

3) Name Miss Rosie Mae Cox
Address N. Van Buren Street
Eufaula, Alabama

4) Name Miss Annie Bell Cunningham
Address Glenville Road
Eufaula, Alabama

5) Name Miss Leila Dennis
Address N. Van Buren Street
Eufaula, Alabama

6) Name Miss Susie Davis
Address Dixon Street
Eufaula, Alabama

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. ~~Steve Erkins~~ OF ~~PRECINCT~~ Beat NO. 5

OF _____ County

1) Name Steve Erkins
Address Route 2
Eufaula, Alabama

2) Name Miss Ruby M. Farmer
Address 111 Cleveland Street
Eufaula, Alabama

3) Name Miss Hattie Farmer
Addre s 111 Cleveland Street
Eufaula, Alabama

4) Name Ben E. Forte
Address Route 2
Eufaula, Alabama

5) Name Preston Forte
Address Route 2
Eufaula, Alabama

6) Name Miss Mable Galloway
Address Route 1
Eufaula, Alabama

Jessie P. Grayson
April 6, 1966

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ of ~~PRECINCT~~ Beat NO. 5

of BARBOUR COUNTY

1) Name Miss Lillie Marie Jackson
Address Route 1
Comer, Alabama

2) Name Miss Willie Mae Jackson
Address Route 1
Comer, Alabama

3) Name Robert James
Address Hobokan
Eufaula, Alabama

4) Name Miss Clara Bell Hines
Address Route 2, Cotton Avenue
Eufaula, Alabama

5) Name Miss Gennie Hollins
Address Parker Avenue
Eufaula, Alabama

6) Name Mrs. Annie Kelly
Address Route 2, Cotton Avenue
Eufaula, Alabama

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ of ~~PRECINCT~~ Beat NO. 5

of Barbour COUNTY

1) Name Miss Bettye Lou Mahone
Address Eufaula, Alabama

2) Name Miss Mary Dean Marshall
Address Dixon Street
Eufaula, Alabama

3) Name Miss Della Mae Matthews
Address Eufaula, Alabama

4) Name ~~XXXXX~~ Lee Moore
Address Eufaula, Alabama

5) Name Miss Hattie McClendon
Address Eufaula, Alabama

6) Name Emmitt Page
Address Route 2
Eufaula, Alabama

Signature Jessie P. Grayson
Date April 6, 1966

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ of ~~PRECINCT~~ NO. 5

of Barbour COUNTY

1) Name Miss Annie Mae Paige
Address Route 2
Eufaula, Alabama

2) Name ~~Miss Catherine Smith~~
Address W. Washington Street
Eufaula, Alabama

3) Name Miss Elizabeth Smith
Address So. Forsyth Street
Eufaula, Alabama

4) Name Miss Mary E. Thomas
Address E. Washington Street
Eufaula, Alabama

5) Name _____
Address _____

6) Name _____
Address _____

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ of ~~PRECINCT~~ Beat NO. 6

of BARBOUR COUNTY

1) Name Amos Blythers
Address R . F. D. 3
Clayton, Alabama

2) Name Sport Tess
Address R. F. D. 3
Clayton, Alabama

3) Name _____
Address _____

4) Name _____
Address _____

5) Name _____
Address _____

6) Name _____
Address _____

Signature Jessie P. Germain
Date April 6, 1966

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ of ~~PRECINCT~~ NO. 7

of Barbour COUNTY

1) Name Sam Barker
Address Clayton
Alabama

2) Name Aaron Hamiter
Address Clayton
Alabama

3) Name Frank Norton
Address Clayton, Alabama

4) Name Miss Annie Mae Ware
Address Clayton, Alabama

5) Name _____
Address _____

6) Name _____
Address _____

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ of ~~PRECINCT~~ Beat NO. 8

of Barbour COUNTY

1) Name Marian Boykins
Address Route 2, Box 141
Louisville, Alabama

2) Name Woodrow Boykins
Address Route 2, Box 141
Louisville, Alabama

3) Name _____
Address _____

4) Name _____
Address _____

5) Name _____
Address _____

6) Name _____
Address _____

Signature Jessie P. Guyman
Date April 6, 1966

Beat
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Barbour

Bennett Baxter

Louisville, Alabama

Willie Burks

Louisville, Alabama

Abe Crossley

Louisville, Alabama

Clyde Brey

Louisville, Alabama

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Barbour

Moss McCraney

Louisville, Alabama

James R. Pittman

Route 2, Clayton, Ala.

Jessie P. Grayson
April 6, 1966

Beat
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Barbour

1) Name Eddie Green
Address Route 1
Eufaula, Alabama

2) Name Allen Boyd
Address Route 1
Eufaula, Alabama

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Barbour

1) Name Arthur Standford
Address Clio, Alabama

2) Name Ezzie Dubose
Address Clio, Alabama

3) Name Johnnie Lee Comer
Address R. F. D.
Ariton, Alabama

4) Name Kirt Reeves
Address R. F. D.
Ariton, Alabama

5) Name Miss Frendella Gipson
Address Clio, Alabama

6) Name Miss Carrie Belle McCloud
Address Clio
Alabama

Jessie P. Guzman
April 6, 1966

ELECTION DISTRICT NO. _____ OF BEAT NO. 16

Of Barbour County

1) Name Mrs. Jessie M. Smith
Address Route 4, Box 122
Eufaula, Alabama

2) Name Reuben Lewis
Address Route 4, Box 90
Eufaula, Alabama

3) Name Clarence Diggs
Address Route 4, Box 111
Eufaula, Alabama

4) Name Willie Frank Diggs
Address Route 4, Box 110
Eufaula, Alabama

5) Name Arthur Stanford
Address Route 1
Eufaula, Alabama

Jessie P. Bergeron
April 6, 1966

April 11, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you very much for delivering the materials to Bullock and Barbour Counties on Wednesday.

Enclosed is our check to cover your expenses of time and transportation. Thank you again.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Encl.

ONE DEAD BOGINE

TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Box 467

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

April 7, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I received the material that you sent via bus on Tuesday night, April 5, and carried them to Bullock and Barbour counties, Wednesday, April 6, 1966.

My total mileage was 150 miles.

Sincerely yours,

William P Mitchell
Executive Secretary, TCA

WPM:mep

April 12, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

We were very pleased to receive your request for model voting machines. We are sending you under separate cover, five of these machines to be used with your Citizenship Education Program. These machines are to be used by you for the duration of your program, and upon completion to be sent back to us.

Please do not hesitate to write us again if we can be of further service to you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo

April 15, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

With the very obvious success of your project approval still reverberating, I am sure that mundane matters such as fiscal reporting is far from your mind at the moment. However, the provisions of our guidelines must be met. I am afraid that I must intrude on your elation for a moment and call to your attention that we have not received the name and address of your bank, the supply of deposit slips, and the signature card. May we have these at your earliest convenience, so that your project can be funded.

We are looking forward to pleasant working relations.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Voter Education Project
Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations.

1. A separate bank account will be opened and used solely for deposit and disbursement of funds under this grant.

2. Deposit slips and a copy of the signature card on this bank account are furnished to VEP.

3. The bank is instructed to mail all bank statements and cancelled checks to VEP. If this instruction is violated by the bank these documents must be forwarded UNOPENED to VEP.

4. Payments for such purchases or services relevant to the grant are to be made from the above-mentioned bank account and should be made by check whenever possible.

5. Cash expenditures should be kept to a minimum and when they are made are to be supported by vouchers to which receipts and/or invoices (or copies thereof) are attached.

6. Items on vouchers supporting cash expenditures must be broken down to show amount spent for each item; viz,

Right		Wrong	
Office supplies	$5.00	Office supplies and Postage	$5.60
Postage	.60		
Total	$5.60		

7. Vouchers supporting the purchase of advertising or printing should have attached to them samples of such materials when feasible (placards, newspaper ads, bumper stickers, etc.) or exact texts when samples are not possible (as in radio ads and billboards). This is also a research requirement.

8. Personal loans are not to be made from VEP funds nor should payments for activities on non-grant projects be made even when a re-deposit of like amount is intended later.

9. VEP funds are not to be used for the payment of poll tax, under any circumstances, not even in the form of loans.

10. All voided checks, cash vouchers, and supporting receipts, invoices, media samples, and travel expense forms must be attached to a properly filled out weekly report and mailed to VEP each_____. These reports are to be certified by the individual responsible for the project by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the bottom of weekly report.

11. When you make a direct grant to a regional affiliate, detailed expenditures of this direct grant must be supported by this same method of reporting either directly to VEP or through you to VEP.

12. When your regional affiliates make direct grants to local groups detailed expenditures of these direct grants must be supported by this same method of reporting either directly to VEP or through the regional affiliate or through you to VEP.

IN OTHER WORDS (RE 11 and 12) DIRECT GRANTS CANNOT BE MADE TO REGIONAL OR LOCAL GROUPS WITHOUT FULL ACCOUNTING TO VEP FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THESE DIRECT GRANTS.

13. All reports, vouchers, bank statements, and cancelled checks will be retained by VEP. Should the grantee need access to these records they will be available.

Submit all financial reports to Thaddeus Olive, Jr., Administrative Aide, Voter Project.

April 15, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

RE: VEP 6-17

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

In his letter to you on April 1, 1966 Vernon Jordan mentioned the research requirements the Voter Education Project will make of the TuskegeeeCivic Association under the terms of your grant to conduct a voter education program, April 14 to May 31.

I think it would be helpful if you would provide VEP with a skeleton outline of your county-wide program as you plan it now at the outset. This would set forth the times and places of instruction, some information about the instructors, and details of the curriculum. Include any printed materials you will be using. Thereafter it is anticipated that you will log attendance at instruction sessions and generally provide us with statistics on the number of persons you reach. And at the conclusion of the current program in May, we will want an evaluation from TCA of what was done.

Some of the difficult questions we need to raise about a voter education program are: How do you arouse people to attend? How do you sustain interest? Are county, state, or national issues more provocative? Two ways of getting at some of this suggest themselves. One possibility is tape recording one or more instruction sessions, particularly a question-and-answer period. A second is brief, written appraisals from the instructors themselves. Are either or both possible?

The research interest here is, in short, that VEP appreciates that TCA knows what it is doing in Macon County. VEP needs to learn from the Macon County experience everything it can which other communities might valuably emulate or avoid. With this in mind, it might be helpful to think of three narrative surveys coming at the beginning, middle, and end as intelligence reports to us.

Statistically, we are interested in registration figures, and after May 3, in the degree of voter participation in the County.

We look forward with interest to your reports.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara Patterson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

BP:hjo

Box 467

April 15, 1966

Citizen Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sirs:

Kindly open another account for us, the title of which should read TCA - VEP FUND. You are authorized to send all statements and cancelled checks affecting this account, to Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Director, Voter Education Project - Southern Regional Council, Room 205, 5 Forsyth Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Your truly,

William P Mitchell
Executive Secretary, TCA

cc: Dr. C. G. Gomillion
President, TCA

WPM:mep

TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Box 467
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

April 15, 1966

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Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Vernon,

We are mailing you under separate cover three excuted signature cards. You will note that we could not fill in the space indicating amount deposited, as we did not know what you will deposit. Also, enclosed under separate cover is a supply of deposit slips for you to use at our bank, Citizen Trust Company of Atlanta, Georgia.

As regards to the deposit slips, we are simply sending them to you in order that you may initiate the deposit. Enclosed is a letter directing this bank to send you our monthly statements and cancelled checks. We would want you to mail this to the bank alone with your initial deposit.

We have been working for three weeks, under the program that you have approved and hope that your office will facilitate the necessary action with the bank, and inform us as soon as practical as to the amount of your deposit.

We are having some duplicate voucher checks printed which will serve as an accounting aid.

Sincerely yours,

William P Mitchell

William P Mitchell
Executive Secretary, TCA

cc: Dr. C. G. Gomillion
President, TCA

WPM:mep

April 18, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed are the following: a) deposit slip copy, indicating amount deposited to your account in the Citizens Trust Company, b) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, c) copy of our letter to the bank transmitting funds, and d) petty cash vouchers.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 18, 1966

Mr. R. D. Sutton
Vice President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Enclosed herewith is our check in the amount of $668.74 to be deposited to the account of the Tuskegee Civic Association, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

The CITIZENS TRUST Company

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

April 19, 1966

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APR 20 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Tuskegee Civic Association -
VEP FUND

Dear Mr. Olive:

Thank you so very much for the above captioned account. A copy of the deposit slip is enclosed evidencing deposit made of $668.74 along with a duplicate deposit slip of $329.31 to All-Citizens Registration Committee.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) R. E. Naylor
Assistant Cashier

REN:r

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TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Box 467
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

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April 20, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Vernon:

We sincerely appreciate the grant of $2,675.00, from VEP for use in our civic education program.

We note that your revised budget did not include many items requested in our proposed budget to you. This comes to ascertain if expenditures for printing and certain other items that were included in our budget may be made. We understand that the total expenditures may not exceed the $2,675.00 alloted.

Your immediate reply is awaited.

Also, we use the Shoup voting machines, which are very dissimilar to the ones you sent. To use these would confuse the voters. We are returning these to you.

Sincerely yours,

William P Mitchell
Executive Secretary
TCA

CC: Dr. C. G. Gomillion
President of TCA

WPM:mep

TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Box 467
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

April 21, 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
SRC Voter Education Fund
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Olive:

Thanks for the deposit of $668.74 to our account. However, we note that it is deposited to the Credit of the TCA. We have 4 accounts with this bank and your deposit may well cause confusion, unless it is designated accordance with the signature cards (3) and letter that was sent to Mr. Jordan to be transmitted along with your deposit.

The title of the new account established for VEP funds is TCA - VEP FUND. You will observe this designation on the signature cards that we sent you. We did not open this account. It was supposed to be done by your office as we sent you the signature cards alone with a letter which we requested that you send the bank requesting that it mail you all statements and cancelled checks.

I am returning the copy of the deposit slip you sent with the request that you have our bank establish this account as indicated on the cards.

Again, we appreciate the grant and hope that you will facilitate the change as indicated.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Mitchell

William P Mitchell
Executive Secretary, TCA

WPM:mep

cc : Dr. C. G. Gomillion
President of TCA

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April 25, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Randall:

The duplicate copy of the deposit slip was to let you know that the money had been deposited.

Enclosed is a true copy of the deposit slip.

Please do not hesitate to write us again if we can be of further service to you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

cc: Dr. C. G. Gomillion

May 10, 1966

Mrs. R. E. Naylor
Assistant Cashier
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Naylor:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $500.00 to be depositedtto the account of the Tuskegee Civic Association, Tuskegee, Alabama. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO:nm
Enclosures

cc: Mr. W. P. Mitchell
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

May 10, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed are the following:

a) Copy of letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account at the Citizens Trust Company, Atlanta, Georgia, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) copies of the weekly report forms.

We wish for your program every success.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO:nm
Enclosures

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May 26, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
Box 467
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed is a copy of our letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account at the Citizens Trust Company of Georgia.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/pf
Encls:

cc: Dr. C. G. Gomillion

May 26, 1966

Mrs. R. E. Naylor
Assistant Cashier
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Naylor:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $270.00 to be deposited to the account of the Tuskegee Civic Association.

Also enclosed is deposit slip indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/pf
Encls:

cc: Mr. W. P. Mitchell

June 10, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Tuskegee Civic Association
Post Office, Box 467
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal indicating your deposit in the amount of $406.00, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your programs.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO:nm
Enclosures

June 10, 1966

Mr. R. O. Sutton
Vice President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: Account No. 02-14-21-3

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $406.00 to be deposited to the account of the Tuskegee Civic Association, Tuskegee, Alabama. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO:nm
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cc: Mr. Wm. P. Mitchell

AC 205
727-0550
EXT. 454
Wm. P. Mitchell

TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA, 36088

August 23, 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Southern Regional Council
Room 201
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Olive:

Through an error, four checks totaling $346.62 which were charged against TCA-VEP Fund in our book transactions and were reflected in our reports to you, were not in fact deducted from the VEP Fund which was intended, but instead, were deducted from the regular TCA Account. These bank-cancelled checks - Nos. 33, 35, 38 and 39 - are enclosed for your records.

In order to correct this error, we are drawing check #44 in the amount of $346.62 against the VEP Fund and issuing it to the credit of the TCA Regular Account.

We would appreciate your funding the TCA-VEP Account to the extent of the amount of this check. We are sure the bank balance in your office respecting the TCA-VEP Fund reflects this error.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Mitchell

William P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary, TCA

WPM:pat

Enclosures

cc: Dr. C. G. Gomillion, President
Mr. L. B. Jeffries, Treasurer

August 26, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Tuskegee Civic Association
Post Office Box 467
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter of August 23.

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

August 26, 1966

Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $346.00 to be deposited to the account of the Tuskegee Civic Association. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

December 2, 1966

Mr. William P. Mitchell
Tuskegee Civic Association
Post Office Box 467
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

We are in receipt of your Bank Statement and cancelled checks for the month of November. Our Guidelines require that we reconcile this statement, however, our last weekly report from the Tuskegee Civic Association was dated June 7.

We are calling this matter to your attention because this is the first time, since we received your last weekly report that we have received cancelled checks. Your attention to this matter would be kindly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive, Jr.
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project

TO/pf
cc: Dr. C. G. Gomillion

TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Box 467

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
ALABAMA

December 7, 1966

Mr Thaddeus Olive, Jr.
Administrative Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth St., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr Olive:

Enclosed are vouchers and weekly report forms delineating the activity of our grant from your project. Also, there are exhibits purporting to show some of our program in civic education. We hope that this information satisfies your guidelines. However, if more definitive information is needed we will be happy to try to provide it.

We sincerely regret that it was necessary that you write us concerning this report but pressure of other work precluded our getting it to you before now.

Sincerely yours,

William P Mitchell

WILLIAM P MITCHELL, Executive
Secretary, TCA

WPM:m

Enclosures

c.c: Dr. C G Gomillion
President, TCA

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July 2, 1967

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Thank you for the message which you delivered for us on last Tuesday evening. It was quite appropriate, and well delivered. It was, also, a challenge to us, one which it will be difficult for us to ignore, even if we were inclined to do so. It is my hope that we shall be able to do what is expected of us, and what needs to be done.

Best wishes for continued success in your professional and civic endeavors.

Sincerely,

C. G. Gomillion

C. G. Gomillion
President

cc: Mr. W. P. Mitchell
Executive Secretary, TCA

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TUSKEGEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Box 467

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July 10, 1967

Miss Patricia Collins
Research Assistant
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Miss Collins:

Your letter of June 16, 1967, requesting information on the conduct our our voter education program came at the time that we were busily engaged in matters incident to our pending 10th Anniversary of our Crusade for Citizenship program, at which your Director, Mr Jordan, was the principal speaker. Hence, the delay in answering.

In reply to your letter, we have photo-copied our report over date of April 28, 1966, to your office which was directed to the attention of Mrs Barbara Patterson, formerly of your staff. We are enclosing a copy and hope that the information contained in it will provide a resume of our program. However, if additional information and/or material are needed please give us an opportunity to try to provide it.

We regret that our answer to your letter was so long coming.

WPM:m

Sincerely yours,

William P Mitchell

WILLIAM P MITCHELL, Chairman
Voter Franchise Committee, TCA

c.c: Dr. C G Gomillion
President, TCA

Box 467

April 28, 1966

Mrs. Barbara Patterson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

Your request for a skeletal outline of our voter education program, over date of April 15, 1966, came at a time when we were in the midst of working out and working on the details of this project. Hence, the delay in answering.

In reply to your letter.

As early as March 22, we requested answers of the election officials to certain pertinent questions (exhibit #1) needed in preparation of a list of instructions to voters (exhibit #2). We incorporated the officials directions with the multigraphed sheets of instructions (5000) which we prepared to be distributed by instructors to the voters. We formulated a schedule of meetings at churches (exhibit #3) providing for four civic education meetings per meetings per night, further providing for at least one meeting in each of the 10 precincts. We selected 18 persons to serve as instructors (exhibit #4), most of whom have distinguished themselves in local civic education endeavors and community uplift engagements.

Among these workers (exhibit #4) are 9 teachers on the faculty of Tuskegee Institute; one teacher in Nursing Education at the VA Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama; four ministers of the Gospel; one proprietor of a funeral home; one clerk at the VA Hospital, and 8 of other professions. All but 10 hold at least one academic degree.

We announced meetings with instructors (exhibit #5) for April 11 and 13. At this meeting we reviewed the instruction sheet with them and spent considerable time on how best to instruct an illiterate person. In the main, the enclosed (exhibit #6) constituted our curriculum and working outline for civic education in Macon County.

We purchased 4 pieces of plywood boards on which we displayed copies of the official list of voters (exhibit #7). These are carried to each meeting and placed on display in order that persons can more quickly determine if their names are listed. In addition, instructors carried with them other teaching materials (exhibit #s 8-a, 8-b, 8-c, and 8-d) to the various meetings. We had printed for distribution throughout the county, 5000 copies of (exhibit #3); had advertisement announcing meeting (exhibit #9) carried in the Tuskegee News; had 5000 copies of sample ballots printed (exhibit #8-a)

for distribution to serve as teaching aid.

Each afternoon, we have 10 or 12 instructors come by the office to pick up their materials for use the following evening (exhibits 11-a, 11-b, 11-c, 11-d, 11-e, and 11-f). During these sessions we ask each instructor to relate to us his unusual experiences that he had encountered on a previous night. This method served to provide each instructor with each's experience - thus, exposing each instructor to each's success or pitfalls.

We multigraphed and distributed to the instructors for appropriate distribution to voters, excerpts from the Code of Alabama, 1940 (exhibit #8-b) pertaining to help at the polls.

Because we use the Shoup Voting Machines in Macon County, the five portable Automatic Voting Machines that your office sent us could not be used for instructional purpose. There is too much dissimilarity in the two machines. We returned them to your office. This unfortunate eventuality necessitated our having to employ 29 persons to be present at one or more machines in each precinct for two days (exhibit #12) for the purpose of instructing persons properly to operate the voting machines. As can be observed, we have coverage from 8:30 a.m., until 5:00 p.m. for two days. We carried an advertisement in the Tuskegee News (exhibit #13) and had 40 spot announcements made over the local radio station announcing that these persons were stationed at the machines for instructional purpose (exhibit #14). Also, each night the voters present at the instructional meetings were apprised of this fact.

As a further effort to get votes to check to determine if their names were on the official voters list, we requested the Director of the VA Hospital, Tuskegee, Alabama, to display copies of the list of voters in several places on his Station (exhibit #7) and asked him to use the Hospital Daily Bulletin (exhibit #15) as a medium to advise his employees of the presence and location of this list on the Station.

Because voter education programs are not head-line making, it is not easy for us to get too much interest engendered or sustain interest. Ours, however, over the years, have been that of constantly reminding the voters who would listen, of the efficacy of being informed. And too, while attendance at meetings may leave plenty to be desired, almost every person present at these meetings will ask for copies of materials to take to their spouse or neighbor. It is believed, then, that considerably more people benefit from these sessions than are present at them.

It has been our experience that county-wide the position of sheriff is more provocative. At the State level, the position of Governor is noted almost to the complete exclusion of other positions. Very few indeed are the citizens who evince interest in the positions of the Secretary of State, Auditor and the Public Service Commission.

It is possible to provide you with a written appraisal of these meetings from some of the instructors. We have also arranged to have a CPS record one

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of our meetings and will send this to you. Copies of some other materials will be sent in later reports

We shall provide you with the registration figures in a subsequent report along with the degree of voter participation on May 3.

Sincerely,

William P Mitchell
Executive Secretary
TCA

WPM:mep

cc: Dr. C. G. Gomillion
President, TCA

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS IN A POLITICAL DEMOCRACY

C. G. Gomillion
President, Tuskegee Civic Association

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

Many students of societal problems in the United States have emphasized the importance of governmental action in the movement toward civic democracy. In spite of civic restrictions imposed by some local and state governments, there are evidences that government and political parties are making some contribution to the movement toward civic democracy.

In a democratic society, it is expected that government set the civic climate, and practice what the officials profess to believe. One national leader has asserted that "our government is the heart of this nation. It is the Federal Government to which we look for the guarantees of citizenship, for we are citizens of the United States and of the states wherein we reside."

Responsible government seeks:

1. To declare the civil rights of citizens.

2. To help citizens to discover (become aware of) and understand their civil rights.

3. To enact and maintain legislation which protects or safeguards civil rights.

4. To administer the laws and to serve the citizenry so as to provide optimum protection of civil rights.

5. To referee conflicts between citizen(s) and citizen(s), and between citizen(s) and government so as to protect civil rights.

Responsible American citizens are working diligently to help goverment officials to perform their duties as servants and referees. Though sometimes reluctantly, and sometimes after considerable undemocratic behavior, legislators have repealed unfair and unconstitutional legislation, and have enacted laws more in keeping with American democratic ideals. In its role as referee, the federal judiciary has been gradually increasing its decisions in protection of the constitutional rights of citizens, and administrative and executive officials have complied, sometimes grudgingly, with the orders of the courts. Progress has been made, but the cost in time, money, and effort has been great.

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Responsible private citizens, as Americans, must meet, confer, study, cooperate, and work together across racial lines. Much of this kind of interaction can be carried on in formal interracial organizations, but there must be increasing evidence of civic interaction between members of different races outside of the formal organizations. With the federal government apparently committed to greater efforts to guarantee the civil rights of all citizens, there is good reason to believe that interracial organizations will increase and grow stronger. Because Negro citizens have much to give and much to gain by interracial interaction and cooperation, they have a great responsibility to facilitate the operation of these processes.

This nation is the United States of America, one nation, indivisible. There must be liberty and justice for all. We can make this land of ours the land of the free and the home of the brave, or we can make it the cemetery of dead hopes and aspirations which will stand as a monument to man's inhumanity to man. It is for us the living to dedicate ourselves here and now to carry on the work which leads toward civic democracy, the American dream. Equality of opportunity, the sine qua non of civic democracy, could facilitate the rate of progress.

Questions which Might be Asked
in Planning A Program of Social Action

C. G. Gomillion

1. What is the nature of the present situation?

2. What is our status? or the status of the group?

3. What status, opportunities, services, and/or goods are desired? What is our goal? or the goal of the group?

4. What is the nature, the degree, the extent of the difference between what is desired and what is the present situation?

5. Do we want, or does the group want, to change the situation? raise the status? increase the opportunities and services?

6. What human and cultural resources are available for use in changing the situation? in increasing opportunities and services? in raising status?

7. What alternative activities, procedures, techniques, seem to be appropriate for use?

8. What will be the probable cost in effort, time, money, etc.?

9. Can we, or the group, afford to pay the cost?

10. Are we willing, or is the group willing, to pay the cost?

11. When should we, or the group, begin action?

12. Where should action begin?

13. Who should do what?

After questions have been answered satisfactorily:

1. Initiate and execute program.

2. Evaluate action periodically.

3. Revise action, when and if considered expedient or necessary.

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Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, Project Director

March 16, 1966

Tuscaloosa Citizens For Action Committee

Budget Revision 1 month program VEP 66- ~~18~~ 15

Report Due ~~Wednesday~~ FRIDAY April 1, to May 1

Subject to Renewal

Director @ $50. per week	$200.00	
Secretary @ $40. per week	160.00	
(5) Task Force Workers @ $15. per week	300.00	
Supplies	25.00	
Telephone	15.00	
Postage	10.00	
		$710.00

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TO VEP-15

March 23, 1966

Mr. T. Y. Rogers, Jr.
President
Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee
2621 Ninth Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Dear Mr. Rogers:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $710.00 for one month, to run from April 1, to May 1, 1966.

We are limiting the grant to one month subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Director's salary	@$50.00 per week	$ 200.00
b)	Secretary	@$40.00 " "	160.00
c)	Task Force Workers (5)	@$15.00 " "	300.00
d)	Supplies		25.00
e)	Telephone		15.00
f)	Postage		10.00
			$ 710.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank; the Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program. A copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records, and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Friday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit semi-monthly reports setting forth the following: a) number of persons registered, b) method used in getting persons to the registration office, c) increase of number of new voters in the two week period, d) problems, if any, encountered with local registrars, police, or private citizens, d) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of or against any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Research Director, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:nm
Enclosure

TUSCALOOSA CITIZENS FOR ACTION COMMITTEE

2621 Ninth Street
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35401
Telephone 758-2833

February 23, 1966

Rec'd 2-25-66

T. Y. ROGERS, JR.
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W. C. LARKIN
Chairman, Finance Committee

J. MALLISHAM
Chairman of Membership Committee

W. L. SCOTT
Chairman of Legal Committee

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Thank you for your memorandum which arrived on February 18, 1966. Using your memorandum as a guide, we submit the following proposal for a grant for the Voter Education Project of Tuscaloosa, Alabama:

Kind of Program

Our program will have a dual purpose, namely, to stimulate persons not registered to do so in order that they may participate in the political life of the community, and to give persons already registered a knowledge of the workings of the political process at the local, state and national levels. An added emphasis will be in a Get-Out-The Vote Campaign for the May Primary. (This will be a strictly non-partisan emphasis.)

This program is designed to register approximately 9,000 non-registered Negroes. It is alsoneeded to acquaint all Negroes with the political process, showing them how decisions are made and thereby increasing their interest to participate.

The Methods to be Used Vary:

1. Citizenship Education Schools in all neighborhoods.

2. Group discussions at meetings of Civic and Social Clubs.

3. Neighborhood political rallies to discuss particular problems and seek their solutions.

4. Door-to-door canvassing to enlighten the Negro community and stimulate interest.

5. Visits to pool halls and other places of adult recreation and entertainment to tell the Voter Education Project story.

The goal is to make every eligible person a registered voter and an active participant in the political process.

An Affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference

WHERE

OUR PROGRAM WILL BE CARRIED IN TUSCALOOSA CITY AND COUNTY, STATE OF ALABAMA, AS SHOWN ON THE ENCLOSED MAP.

WHO

1 - DIRECTOR - CO-ORDINATOR- WHO WILL CO-ORDINATE THE WORKERS AND PROGRAM

1 - ORGANIZOR - TO ORGANIZE GROUPS AND ASSIGN WORKERS TO COUNTY

1 - SECRETARY - TO KEEP RECORDS, PROVIDE MATERIALS AND DO CORRESPONDANCE

10 - WORKERS TO TEACH, CANVASS, AND CONTACT VOTERS

TIME

THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 7, 1966 AND END ON JUNE 10, 1966.

BACKGROUND

TUSCALOOSA COUNTY IS POPULATED BY 109,047 PEOPLE AS OF 1960. THE POPULATION IS 70% WHITE, AND 30% NEGRO. APPROXIMATELY ½ OF THE ELIGIBLE NEGROES ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE. IN THE LAST ELECTION 18,000 PEOPLE VOTED. OF THIS NUMBER APPROXIMATLEY 6,000 WERE NEGROES. NO NEGROES HAVE RUN FOR OFFICE IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY. THE TUSCALOOSA CITIZENS FOR ACTION COMMITTEE IS MOST ACTIVE. THE NAACP WAS ORGANIZED RECENTLY.

THE DATES OF REGISTRATION FOR THE MONTHS INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM ARE:

MARCH	7 - 11
APRIL	4 - 8
JUNE	6 - 10

THE CURRENT REGISTRATION IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY IS APPROXIMATELY 39,732.

THE GENERAL DESIRE OF THE NEGRO COMMUNITY IS TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL ACTIVITY OF THE COMMUNITY. THERE IS A DESIRE TO KNOW HOW GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS AND TO INFLUENCE ELECTED OFFICIALS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL THE PEOPLE. THERE IS ALSO SOME SYMPATHY, RESULTING FROM YEARS OF INTIMIDATION WHEN NEGROES MADE EFFORTS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

THERE IS STILL MUCH WORK TO BE DONE AND PEOPLE ARE EAGER TO DO IT.

MR. JORDAN, IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS NEEDED, WE WILL BE HAPPY TO SUPPLY IT. IF POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN OUR VEP ON MARCH 7, 1966. YOUR CONSIDERATION WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

YOURS TRULY,

T. G. Rogers Jr.

T. G. ROGERS, JR.

THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE TUSCALOOSA VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT IS:

DIRECTOR - CO-ORDINATOR	$ 200.00
ORGANIZER	200.00
SECRETARY	200.00
10 WORKERS	400.00
MATERIALS	400.00
	$1,400.00

March 30, 1966

Mr. T.Y. Rogers
President
Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee
2621 Ninth Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Rogers:

With the very obvious success of your grant approval still reverberating, I am sure that mundane matters such as fiscal reporting is far from your mind at the moment. However, in order that your program may begin on April 4, 1966, we will need the signature cards, name and address of the bank, and a supply of deposit slips.

May we have these, at your earliest convenience, so that the funding of your program can begin.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TUSCALOOSA CITIZENS FOR ACTION COMMITTEE
2621 NINTH STREET
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35401
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Chairman of Legal Committee

March 31, 1966

Mr. V. E. Jordan, Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 1966 in which you stated that a grant totaling $710.00 has been aproved for our program. We are grateful for this consideration.

Enclosed you will find the necessary papers concerning our establishment of a bank account in the name of: Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

We shall comply with the guidelines set forth in your letter of March 7th.

Yours truly,

T. Y. Rogers, Jr.

T. Y. Rogers, Jr.

Encls.

April 5, 1966

Mr. T. Y. Rogers
President
Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee
2621 Ninth Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We are enclosing the following: a) cash voucher forms; b) deposit slip for the first two weeks allotment from your VEP Grant; c) copy of our letter to the First National Bank of Tuskaloosa; and d) weekly reporting froms for your weekly report, which is due Friday of each week.

It was wonderful meeting you and attending your meeting Saturday. We wish your program every success and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Encl.

April 5, 1966

The First National Bank
of Tuskaloosa
Box 2028
Tuskaloosa, Alabama 35403

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $284.00 to be deposited to the account of the Tuscaloosa Citizens For Action Committee, Tuscaloosa, and deposit slips thereto.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

cc: T.Y. Rogers

TUSCALOOSA CITIZENS FOR ACTION COMMITTEE
2621 NINTH STREET
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35401
TELEPHONE 758-2833

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W. L. SCOTT
Chairman of Legal Committee

April 8, 1966

Dear Mr. Olive:

According to your letter of March 23, 1966 our total grant is $710.00. This grant is for a two-two week periods, or for one month. Your first deposit wass for two weeks and should have been $355.00 or one half the total grant. Instead it was $284.00. This means that we will be short for the second week unless the balance is deposited. Please inform me if my thinking is erroneous.

Sincerely,

T. Y. Rogers, Jr.

T. Y. Rogers, Jr.

P.S.: Enclosed is the first report.

April 11, 1966

Mr. T. Y. Rogers
President
Tuscaloosa Citizens For Action Committee
2621 Ninth Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Pursuant to your letter of April 8, 1966, please be advised that your thinking was not erroneous. Your Grant was for one month, and the difference of $71.00 is being deposited to your account.

Thank you for calling this to my attention.

You will find enclosed: a) deposit slip copy, indicating amount deposited to your account, b) weekly reporting forms for your weekly report, and c) copy of our letter to the First National Bank of Tuskaloosa, Tuskaloosa, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 11, 1966

The First National Bank of Tuskaloosa
Box 2028
Tuskaloosa, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith are our checks No. 780 in the amount of $71.00 , 779 in the amount of 170.00, to be deposited to the account of the Tuskaloosa Citizens for Action Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 14, 1966

Mr. T. Y. Rogers, Jr.
President
Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee
2621 Ninth Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

Dear Mr. Rogers:

RE: VEP 6-15

In his letter to you of March 8, 1966 Vernon Jordan mentioned the research reports the Voter Education Project will require of the Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee under the terms of your grant to conduct voter registration, April 1 through May 1, 1966.

In view of our late date in informing you specifically of these research needs and also in view of the month-long duration of your program, it appears that one report will be sufficient. This should come at the conclusion of your program. It should give in narrative form a description and evaluation of the Committee's work. Please do not hesitate to describe any difficulties you encountered, either organizationally or from official parties. As candid a report as you are able to make to VEP will assist us in planning well for the future. It is expected we might have this narrative report in our office by May 10.

We do not wish to have to wait much beyond the closing of the registration books in Alabama - April 22 - for the completion and return of the enclosed form. It is of vital importance that we have the numerical results

of your drive at the earliest possible date. And it is important that these results reflect the accurate count of persons registered, not estimates.

Best wishes for your success. We look forward to your reports.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara Patterson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

April 25, 1966

The Reverend T. Y. Rogers
President
Tuscaloosa Citizens For Action Committee
2621 Ninth Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Enclosed are the following:

a) Copy of our letter to The First National Bank of Tuscaloosa, transmitting your final depositment.

b) Weekly reporting forms.

We hope that your program is going well.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

April 25, 1966

The First National Bank of Tuscaloosa
Box 2028
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $185.00 to be deposited to the account of the Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

May 12, 1966

The Reverend T. T. Rogers
President
Tuscaloosa Citizens For Action Committee
2621 Ninth Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Rogers:

In compliance with theprovisions of our guidelines, we are forwarding a copy ofyyour Bank Reconciliation as of April 29, 1966.

It is our sincere wish that your program is indeed successful, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

Proposal

THE CONFEDERATION OF ALABAMA'S POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS
2621 NINTH STREET
TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA 35401
TELEPHONE 758-2833

AUGUST 8, 1966

T. Y. ROGERS, JR.
President

LONNIE BROWN
Chairman

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Treasurer

MRS. S. HADNOTT
Secretary

RECEIVED
AUG 8 1966

MR. VERNON JORDAN, DIRECTOR
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

DEAR MR. JORDAN

ENCLOSED IS A PROPOSAL FOR A GRANT FROM THE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT FOR A CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAM RELATIVE TO THE CONFEDERATION OF ALABAMA'S POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

AS IS STATED IN THE PROPOSAL THE PROGRAM IS TO RUN FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT WEEKS AND ACTUAL WORK BEGAN ON JULY 23, HOWEVER, THE OFFICIAL DATE WAS AUGUST 1. THERE IS AN URGENCY ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL IF WE ARE TO CONDUCT A SIGNIFICANT CAMPAIGN. WE ASK YOUR IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION OF OUR REQUEST.

IF THERE IS ANY ASPECT OF THE PROPOSAL UNCLEAR, PLEASE CALL ME AT 758-2833 IN TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL.

SINCERELY YOURS

T. Y. ROGERS, JR.
PRESIDENT

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ENCLOSURE: THE PROPOSAL

At a recent meeting of the Confederation of Alabama's Political Organizations, it was decided that our organization would expand its program to include the following areas of citizenship education:

Political Education
Community Organization
Employment
Public Assistance
School Integration

The idea was advanced in this meeting that we make application to organizations for funds to assist us in reaching our goal of citizenship education. It is our belief that such a grant would be possible under the citizenship aspect of the voter education project.

<u>The problem.</u> The population of the state of Alabama is approximately three and one-fourth of a million of which one third are Negroes. For the past eleven years, Alabama has been a place ~~where~~ of concentrated efforts to organize and educate Negroes by many civil rights organizations. At times there were two or three of the major civil rights organizations working within the state. Last year SCLC, Scope, and SNCC were working in our state helping to educate the Negro citizens as to their privileges and rights not only in the counties but under the laws passed in Washington. In recent months, however, SCLC has continued its efforts elsewhere and SNCC has limited its work in the state. This leaves a tremendous gap and brings to light the great need for someone to continue to educate the Negroes of their rights under the new laws and the Confederation of Alabama's Political Organizations is seeking to do this.

In 1954 the United States Supreme Court outlawed school desegregation but since that time we have made no great strides toward school integration. This is caused by the recalcitrance of the Whites in control of the educational system and also to a large degree because of the ignorance of the Negro as to what steps to take in order to effectively bring about integration. In many areas Negroes are at a total lost when it comes to making intelligent decisions about education, welfare or citizenship. There is a need to inform the Negro of the meaning of the 1954 decision and of how it may be applied in their specific cases.

In 1964 a civil rights act was passed covering public accomodations, etc., however, there are counties, towns and cities where this act is not applied at all. There is thousands of Negroes waiting for employment, instructions and guidance into this area of life opened to them by this 1954 Civil Rights Act.

THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965 MADE IT POSSIBLE TO LEGALLY VOTE WITHOUT INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT BUT THE MAJORITY OF THE NEGROES ARE NOT AWARE OF THE POWER AND POTENTIAL OF THEIR VOTE. THE RECORDS WILL SHOW THAT AT THIS TIME THERE ARE MORE THAN 225,000 NEGROES REGISTERED TO VOTE IN ALABAMA. MANY THOUSANDS OF THESE VOTERS WERE REGISTERED DURING THE REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY SCLC; OTHERES WERE REGISTERED BY EFFORTS OF THE NAACP, SNCC AND OTHER LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS. THE TASK BEFORE US NOW IS TO EDUCATE THE VOTERS IN ORDER THAT WE MAY BEGIN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL ASPECT OF ALL LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS CARRYING OUT PROGRAMS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WHICH WERE INITIATED MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS AGO AND THERE ARE MANY PROGRAMS WHICH WERE INITIATED LAST YEAR. TOO MANY NEGROES DO NOT REAP THE BENEFITS OF THESE PROGRAMS BECAUSE NO ONE HAS TOLD THEM THAT THEY ARE AVAILABLE. NEITHER HAVE THEY BEEN TOLD HOW TO APPLY FOR BENEFITS OR HOW TO RECEIVE THEM.

MANY OF THE ACTS OF INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT LEVELED AT THE NEGRO, THE EVICTIONS, AND BEATING MAY NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE HAD THE NEGRO BEEN SURE OF HIS RECOURSE TO ACTION WITH THE AID OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. WHEN A MAN IS UNSURE OF HIS PLACE, HE IS TIMID AND AFRAID BUT WHEN ONE IS AWARE OF HIS POSITION AND OF THE LAW HE IS MORE APT TO SEPAK OUT AND BE AGGRESSIVE. OUR PROGRAM IS AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE RIGHTS GUARANTEED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

ALTHOUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DESIGNED PROGRAMS TO INFORM THE CITIZENS OF OUR STATE OF THE BENEFITS WHICH THEY MIGHT RECEIVE AND OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS. THE PROGRAMS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPREHENSIVE ENOUGH TO INCLUDE THE MASSES OF PEOPLE. THEREFORE, THE MASSES OF NEGROES IN ALABAMA ARE UNAWARE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THEIR STATE.

THE PURPOSES OF THIS PROGRAM WILL BE:

1. TO TEACH PEOPLE ABOUT THE LAW AS IT PERTAINS TO HOSPITAL COMPLIANCE AND MEDICARE PROGRAMS.

2. ORGANIZE COMMUNITIES TO INVOLVE THE PARENTS AND STUDENTS MAKING APPLICATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SCHOOL DESEGREGATION GUIDELINES.

3. SET UP BREIFING SESSIONS IN COMMUNITIES WHICH WILL INCLUDE MINUTE EXPLANATIONS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOMODATION SECTION OF THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT IN ORDER THAT CITIZENS MIGHT THEN MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES COVERED AND FOLLOW THROUGH WITH LEGAL ACTION WHEN NECESSARY.

4. <u>POLITICAL EDUCATION</u>. IN THE MORE URBAN AREAS OF THE STATE THERE ARE SOME NEGROES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, BUT IN THE LARGER RURAL AREAS THERE IS NO PARTICIPATION EXCEPT ON VOTING DAY. OUR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO EDUCATE THE NEGRO ELECTORATES IN THE BLACK BELT COUNTIES AND PICKENS, BIBB, TALLADEGA, ETOWAH AND CLARK COUNTIES.

5. <u>COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION</u>. THE NEGRO MUST EITHER PARTICIPATE IN EXISITING POLITICAL STRUCTURES OR CREATE A POLITICAL STRUCTURE. THIS MEANS THAT IN AREAS WHERE NEGROES ARE IN VAST MAJORITIES THEY MUST ORGANIZE POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY IN ORDER THAT A UNIFIED EFFORT CAN BE MADE TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE.

NEGRO COMMUNITIES MUST ORGANIZE IN ORDER TO COMBAT PROBLEMS FACED BY NEGROES SPECIFICALLY.

6. EMPLOYMENT. ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS CONFRONTING NEGROES IN ALABAMA IS THAT OF FINDING DECENT EMPLOYMENT WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THEM DECENT WAGES. IN ORDER TO BARGAIN EFFECTIVELY WITH THE WHITE MANAGEMENT, NEGROES MUST FIRST LEARN TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES ECONOMICALLY IN ORDER TO EXERT THE PRESSURE OF THE LABOR FORCE. THIS NECESSITATES THE FORMING OF GROUPS OF LABORING PEOPLE AND OF INSTRUCTING THEM IN THE USE OF THE PRESENT METHODS AND TECHNIQUES FOR GAINING THEIR RIGHTS. THERE MUST BE EMPHASIS ON EDUCATING THE NEGRO TO THE POINT WHERE HE IS AWARE OF THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR AND OF HIS TIME, IF THE EMPLOYMENT PICTURE IN THE STATE IS TO BE CHANGED.

7. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. THE WELFARE WORKER IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA IS A SYMBOL OF THE WHITE MAN'S DESIRE TO KEEP THE NEGRO DOWN AND IN MOST CASES THE WELFARE WORKER NOT ONLY KNOWS THE LAW BUT USES IT TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE NEGRO WHO RECEIVES AID. THIS APPLIES TO SOCIAL SECURITY, POVERTY PROGRAMS, OLD AGE ASSISTANCE FOR THESE PROGRAMS ARE ADMINISTERED BY PEOPLE WHO MAKE A POINT OF KEEPING THE NEGRO UNINFORMED ON HIS RIGHTS. OUR PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO GATHER ALL AND PRESENT THE WEALTH OF INFORMATION ABOUT ALL PRESENT ACTIVE PROGRAMS TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED TO KNOW IF THEY ARE TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS.

8. ACTIVITIES TO THIS DATE. THE CONFEDERATION OF ALABAMA'S POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS ADOPTED THE ABOVE PROGRAM AT A STATEWIDE MEETING AT TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, JULY 30, 1966. PRIOR TO THIS DATE TEAMS OF INVESTIGATORS WERE SENT INTO VARIOUS COUNTIES GATHERING INFORMATION ON THE PROBLEMS WHICH EXIST AND MAKING CONTACT WITH LOCAL PEOPLE WHO WILL BE INSTRUMENTAL IN SOLVING THE PROBLEMS. BETWEEN JULY 23 AND AUGUST 3 WE HAVE HAD OUR TEAMS IN HALE, GREENE, BIBB AND PICKENS COUNTIES DOING THIS INVESTIGATORY WORK. WE HAVE, ALSO, SOLICITED THE SUPPORT OF EXPERTS IN EACH OF THE ABOVE TO GUIDE THE TEAM, HELP THEM ASSEMBLE DATA AND INTERPRET IT IN ORDER THAT WE MAY UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION BETTER. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN MEETINGS OF LOCAL CITIZENS IN HALE AND GREENE COUNTIES INFORMING THEM OF OUR PROGRAM AND SOLICITING THEIR PARTICIPATION.

DETAILS OF PROGRAM. THE PROPOSAL FUNDS WILL BE DEPOSITED IN THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF TUSCALOOSA BUT THE CONFEDERATION OF ALABAMA'S POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE HANDLING OF THE FUNDS. THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUNDS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY CASH VOUCHERS SHOWING HOW THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT. THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS WILL BE ~~WILL BE~~ AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT, REV. T. Y. ROGERS, JR. THERE WILL BE A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT SET UP FOR THIS OPERATION WITH THE RETURNED CHECKS FORWARDED TO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL ACT AS COORDINATORS AND SUPERVISORS OF THE PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM ALSO PROVIDES FOR FIFTY (50) PEOPLE WORKING FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHT WEEKS AT A WEEKLY OF $20 PER WEEK. THIS TOTALS TO $8,000.

OTHER EXPENSES ARE:

TRANSPORTATION FOR TEN CARS	$2,600.00
STATIONERY AND SUPPLIES	2,800.00
STAMPS AND OTHER POSTAGE	300.00
TELEPHONE CALLS	150.00
SUNDRY ITEMS	1,150.00
TOTAL	$15,000.00

THESE PEOPLE WILL COME FROM THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THE PROGRAM WILL BE OPERATING. COUNTY WORKERS WILL HELP BY REPORTING TO CO-A-PO ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTIES ON A BI-WEEKLY BASIS. THESE REPORTS WILL BE COMPLIED AT THE OFFICE IN TUSCALOOSA AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL. THE COUNTIES IN WHICH THE PROGRAM WILL BE OPERATING ARE CHOCTAW, SUMTER, PERRY, DALLAS, HALE, GREENE, BIBB, PICKENS, TALLADEGA, ETOWAH, MARENGO, AUTAUGA, ELMORE, BULLOCK AND CLARK.

SUBMITTED BY

THE CONFEDERATION OF ALABAMA'S POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS

T. Y. ROGERS, JR., PRESIDENT

ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1310 WRIGHT AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72206
PHONE FR 6-3541

11 March 1966

A PROPOSAL

TO

THE VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

OF THE

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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STAFF – NAT R. GRISWOLD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • OZELL SUTTON, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain equal opportunity for all peoples

The Situation

Arkansas has a population approximating 1,900,000 persons. Some 400,000, or 22%, of the total population are Negroes. An estimated 198,000 of Arkansas' Negroes are of voting age. These are the figures, or rather the persons represented by these figures, with which a voter registration, voter education and leadership training program must be concerned.

There is no accurate count at this time of the total number of persons now registered to vote in Arkansas. Registration under our new permanent registration law is continuous and tabulations are made twenty days prior to an election. The registration pace is expected to quicken as campaigns under VEP get started this spring. The Office of the State Auditor made the last count in September, 1965, and at that time 559,861 Arkansans were registered voters. This total was down some 155,288 (20%) from the 715,228 persons who qualified to vote in the last presidential election. Purchase of a poll tax receipt was a prerequisite for voting in 1964.

Negro registration during 1964 increased from 80,000 to 105,000. The increase came as a result of a sustained statewide registration drive financed by VEP and directed by the Associate Director of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. The 1964 campaign was organized in forty south, east, and central Arkansas counties where 85 to 90% of the Negroes reside. A county by county tabulation of the results of that campaign is recorded on a separate data

sheet and is attached.

Arkansas adopted its new registration system in November, 1964, and registration started from scratch in 1965. In September the permanent registration system had enrolled only 80% of the number of persons that qualified to vote in 1964. Since total registration was down 20%, it is logical to assume that Negro registration was down proportionately. The best educated guess of persons close to the situation placed Negro registration between 80,000 and 85,000 during the September school elections. There has been no organized effort toward increased registration since the school election. Therefore, no substantial increase is recorded.

The Problem

The adoption of a system of permanent registration in Arkansas solved many problems for those who see the polls as an avenue for an accelerated pace toward equality of opportunity. In the long run it will produce more qualified Negro voters and induce wider participation by the Negro minority in this democratic process. It will remove the tremendous burden of re-registering the persons who were registered the year before at an expenditure of a good deal of time, effort, and money. Once registered under permanent registration here, a person remains on the voting rolls as long as he votes at least once every four years.

While permanent registration eliminated some problems, it

created others, at least for the first few years of operation. Under the poll tax system a worker could take the application of a prospective voter and his dollar to the County Court House, and a poll tax receipt would be mailed to the applicant. Registration now has to be done in person. The applicant also has to sign several copies of the registration blanks causing some reluctance by illiterate and semi-literates to go and register.

The Concern

There is no doubt that the decrease in registration is due partly to the increased effort necessary now to register. This is especially true among Negroes who often find it difficult to get to the places of registration during prescribed hours. The startling facts which face and concern the Arkansas Council on Human Relations are these:

1) Only 50% or less of Negroes of voting age are registered.
2) Although Negroes comprise 22% of Arkansas' population, they represent only 16 or 17% of those registered to vote.
3) Of the 105,000 eligible to vote in 1964 only about 60% (63,000) actually participated in the highly important presidential election.

The national issues in that election, most especially as they related to Negroes, were keenly drawn. The contest between Mr. Faubus and Mr. Rockefeller generated unusual interest. Added to these was the proposition for permanent registration, a proposal

expected to greatly increase Negro registration once organized efforts were underway. The fact that only 60% of the Negroes who were qualified actually voted in 1964 despite the importance of the issues justifies ACHR's concern.

The Proposal

It is clear for all to see that increased registration alone is no panacea for all the ills that prevent full Negro participation in the democratic process so vital to his welfare and the welfare of all. Not only must the masses of Negroes be made aware of the importance of voting to the extent that they will register in greater numbers, but they must learn to relate political participation to a far greater degree to the "bread and butter" issues of better education, equal opportunity, etc. The Negro must learn how to articulate his concerns and legitimate aspirations and support these concerns and aspirations with intelligent and meaningful political activity.

Articulation of these concerns and aspirations requires a working knowledge of the fundamental forces that bear upon community policies and practices. It requires community organization and mobilization toward the desired ends. In other words, it requires an informed and dedicated leadership as well as a Negro citizen fully aware of how change can and must be exacted through his participation in the political process.

To expedite the achievement of full participation of Negro citizens in the political life of Arkansas the Arkansas Council on Human Relations proposes to conduct a statewide Voter Education - Leadership Training Project. This project will have a duration of four months, beginning on April 15 and terminating on July 15.

The Experience of ACHR

There is no need here to describe the structure, purposes or methods of ACHR to the officials of VEP. You have full knowledge of our concerns and complexion. It does serve some purpose, however, to call attention to some of the experiences of the staff in efforts related to our proposal. Citizenship education, leadership training, and voter registration programs are not new to the staff. Through years of work in this particular area, the staff has gained valuable experience and know how.

The Associate Director was a co-director of a pilot voter registration project in Little Rock in 1962. It was a project administered cooperatively by ACHR and the Urban League of Greater Little Rock. The project, financed by the VEP, was highly successful both in increased Negro registration and in the development of techniques vital to the success of a statewide campaign that came in 1964.

ACHR's Associate Director took leave from his regular duties and became director of the statewide voter registration drive in 1964. Again, the campaign was financed by a grant from VEP. Some forty

counties where most Negroes live were organized and participated. A tabulated 22,118 Negroes were added to the voting rolls as a direct result of the campaign. No doubt some others were influenced to register by the activities of the drive. Negro registration in Arkansas was increased from 80,000 to 105,000 during that time.

ACHR has long had an interest in improving the quality and quantity of Negro leadership in Arkansas and has done what it could toward that end. With a grant from VEP it could make a more substantial, meaningful, and lasting contribution to the development of leadership and fuller participation by Negroes. In April, 1964, the Council held a two day conference-workshop on Leadership for the Sixties. Nearly 100 persons spent the two days discussing everything from how to draft a petition to how to organize a voter registration campaign. Many of these same people became leaders in the registration campaign that summer and have since led their communities in school desegregation efforts.

The Method

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations will launch its Voter Education - Leadership Training Project with a statewide two-day work session to which selected leaders will be invited. We would hope to hold this session on a college campus to minimize expense. Here some fifty to 100 key people will be exposed to a battery of experts in workshops ranging from the elementary knowledge of governmental

structure to how to organize a car pool on election day. The emphasis of the two-day workshop will be on how to organize and mobilize a community for any desired purpose.

As pointed out above only approximately 60% of the Negroes who were registered in 1964 actually voted in the presidential election. Our contention is that this is partly due to inadequate local leadership and partly to apathy and indifference on the part of large numbers of Negroes. Leadership in our local communities fails because it, for the most part, lacks the tools of leadership -- a knowledge of how to organize and mobilize community forces. This was demonstrated to us in the 1964 voter registration campaign. Where adequate leadership was available, the campaign was successful. Where leadership had no tools, the campaign faltered. Our purpose is to give local community leadership the necessary tools with which to,

1) organize and mobilize community forces;
2) sponsor and conduct a program of citizenship education on the local level with our assistance.

In addition to the statewide Leadership Training - Citizenship Education work, four regional workshops will be held in strategic locations so as to reach a maximum number of persons of leadership potential. It is hoped that these regional workshops would reach a potential leader more on the grass root level than the statewide workshop. Those persons participating in the state session would serve as leaders in the regional sessions. Leaders and workers in PTA's, women's organizations, lodges, civic leagues, etc., will be

invited to participate in the regional workshops.

The regional workshops will follow principally the same format as the state workshop$ with the exception of two things:

1) The regional workshops will beam at a more grass root leadership than the state workshop.

2) The regional workshop would include leadership orientation for direction of local citizenship education programs.

The regional workshop will be followed by extensive work in citizenship education. Those persons who participated in the state and regional workshops would logically form the core of groups engaging in voter education programs. Actually they would serve their leadership "apprenticeship" under the supervision of the staff of ACHR and its Voter Education - Leadership Training Project.

ACHR would seek to cooperate with the voter registration projects which VEP chooses to fund in the state by including their local leadership in our training programs. Since voter registration, voter education, and leadership training are so closely allied, this type of working relation would prove mutually beneficial to those working in registration and to ACHR.

Our citizenship education programs would include gatherings of the "town meeting" variety to be held in neighborhoods where the Negro population warrents them. Creativity and imagination would be used in getting attendance to programs ranging from basic community structure and how to organize in it to explaining in detail the new registration system. The emphasis in these "town meetings" will be

the importance of the vote as it relates to their own particular situation.

Our workers will not be satisfied with a program that reaches only those who attend the "town meetings", but will reach out in a creative way to touch many others. Door to door distribution of specially prepared literature and work through social and civic, fraternal and religious groups will be a part of our approach.

By the end of the project we hope to have created,

1) an awareness of the power of the ballot as an instrument for achieving equal opportunity for Negroes. This awareness should serve to induce greater participation in the political process;
2) a more informed, concerned and articulate Negro leadership;
3) an organizational structure through which the local community might articulate its aspirations and mobilize for the achievement of these aspirations.

The Budget

Any budget for such a project as ACHR has proposed would necessarily be fluid, for many undeterminables exist. The Arkansas Council on Human Relations is requesting a grant of $9,575 with which to carry out the above outlined project.

Budget Schedule

Director (part-time)	$300 per month	$ 1,200.
Field worker (full-time)	$625 per month	2,500.
Office secretary	$300 per month	1,200.
Extra secretarial help in local situations		500.
Travel		600.
State workshops (all expenses paid for participants)		1,000.
Four regional workshops		1,200.
Printing and materials		1,000.
Postage		125.
Office supplies		150.
Telephone		400.
Rent and utilities		200.
Contingencies		500.
		$ 9,575.

COUNTY	1963	1964	INCREASE	%INC.
Arkansas	1,271	1,286	15	1%
Ashley	1,650	1,674	24	1%
Bradley	1,059	1,130	71	7%
Chicot	2,919	3,142	223	8%
Clark	1,095	1,201	106	10%
Columbia	1,509	2,098	589	39%
Conway	1,321	1,489	168	13%
Craighead	301	462	161	54%
Crittenden	1,777	3,420	1,643	92%
Cross	611	1,012	401	66%
Dallas	1,004	1,093	89	9%
Desha	2,445	2,646	201	8%
Drew	1,190	1,263	173	15%
Faulknew	560	616	56	10%
Garland	2,317	2,964	647	28%
Hempstead	1,581	1,838	257	16%
Hot Spring	720	864	144	20%
Howard	621	687	65	10%
Jackson	1,031	1,142	111	11%
Jefferson	7,733	9,823	2,090	27%
Lafayette	1,022	1,056	34	3%
Lee	1,434	2,244	810	56%
Lincoln	1,541	1,764	223	14%
Little River	781	863	82	10%
Lonoke	918	1,004	86	9%
Miller	1,848	2,412	564	31%
Mississippi	3,134	4,382	1,248	40%
Monroe	1,281	1,761	480	37%
Nevada	1,047	1,179	132	13%
Ouachita	3,298	5,958	2,660	81%
Phillips	3,963	5,637	1,674	42%
Poinsett	337	380*	43	13%
Prairie	429	610	181	42%
Pulaski*	12,960	17,378	4,418	35%
St. Francis	2,920	3,467	547	19%
Saline	388	481	93	24%
Sebastian	750	900	150	20%
Union	2,799	3,773	974	35%
Woodruff	1,083	1,510	427	39%
Crawford	154	210	56	36%
			22,118	

*Estimate

Negro Registration Data
Selected Arkansas Counties

May 9, 1966

Union National Bank
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: Account No. 51-897-476

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find our check in the amount of $190.00 to be deposited to the account of the Operation Registration Cleanup Drive.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

May 9, 1966

Mr. C. H. James
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
P. O. Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. James:

Enclosed you will find the following:

a) Our letter to the Union National National Bank transmitting funds.

b) Copy of the deposit slip.

c) Weekly reporting forms.

We hope that your program is enjoying a good deal of success.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

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R. W. McFALL
PRESIDENT

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IMPERATIVE THAT WE HEAR SOON CONCERNING VEP FUNDS FOR OUR EFFORTS IN ARKANSAS REGISTRATION FOR DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CLOSES JULY 5 PLEASE ADVISE WHEN YOU CAN COME TO GET US STARTED

REV WALTER B CLANCY CHAIRMAN ARK COUNCIL OF HUMAN RELATIONS

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ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1310 WRIGHT AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72206
PHONE FR 6-3541

16 June 1966

A VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT PROPOSED

TO THE

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICERS - FATHER WALTER B. CLANCY, CHAIRMAN • DR. W. H. TOWNSEND, VICE-CHAIRMAN
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A VOTER REGISTRATION PROJECT

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations proposes to conduct a Voter Registration campaign in 16 counties in South and East Arkansas. The project will be under the general supervision of ACHR's board and executive staff with special staff employed to conduct the campaign.

The campaign would begin immediately upon being funded and would be continuous for four months. To participate in the Democratic primary this summer, a person will have to register by July 5. No doubt our campaign will be too late to be effective then. Some significant work could be done, however, before the run off which is three weeks later. This year's general election will be of unusual interest as the Democratic nominee will oppose Republican Winthrop Rockefeller in November.

A four month campaign is not only justified under these circumstances but could contribute significantly to the political emancipation of Arkansas Negroes.

PURPOSE

Arkansas has a population approximating 1,900,000 persons. Some 400,000 or 22% are Negroes. An estimated 198,000 of Arkansas Negroes are of voting age. Since registration records are no longer kept by race, it is impossible to quote exact figures on Negro registration. The best educated guess of persons close to the situation places Negro registration between 80,000 and 85,000.

This is just about the level of registration where ACHR began a statewide campaign with VEP funds in 1964. A concerted effort in 43 Arkansas counties increased the number of qualified Negro voters to 105,000. Since that time a permanent registration system has been adopted in Arkansas and registration started from scratch.

The purpose of ACHR's campaign is to increase Negro registration in the counties to be worked to a level at least equal to what it was at the close of the 1964 campaign.

METHOD

A director, three field workers and a secretary will constitute the full-time staff. The director and his secretary will be housed in the office of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Each field worker will organize and supervise the campaign in several assigned counties.

The counties where the campaign will be conducted are heavily populated with Negroes. The campaign structure will divided into 3 regions with a field representative in charge. The Eastern Region will include counties of Mississippi, Crittenden, St. Francis, Lee, and Phillips. The South East Region includes Jefferson, Lincoln, Desha, Chicot, Ashley. Drew and Bradley counties are possible additions to the South East Region. Included in the South West Region are Miller, Columbia, Union, and Ouachita counties.

These 16 counties are strategic in any voter registration campaign among Negroes. Some 112,499 of the Negro population of voting age reside in these counties. Excluding Pulaski County with a Negro

population of voting age of 27,822, these counties contain 66% of all voting age Negroes in Arkansas.

Field workers will organize campaigns in each county, soliciting the support and active participation of civic, fraternal, and religious leaders. Each county will have its own steering committee made up of its local leaders who will select a chairman and other officers.

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations is requesting a grant of $10,835 with which to carry out the above outlined project.

Director at $500 per month ~~$85.00 per week~~ $100.00	$ 2,000.	
3 Field rep. at $400 per mo. each ~~50.00 per week~~ 65.00 wk	4,800.	
Secretary at $300 per month 40.00 per week	1,200.	~~5,000~~
Office rent	160.	1,500
Telephone	150.	
Travel ~~$75~~ transportation per month per staff member	1,200.	
Office supplies	100.	
Postage	125.	
Printing and materials	600.	
Contingencies	500.	
	$ 10,835.	

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June 20, 1966

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

6-65
Pulaski

Dear Mr. Sutton:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in the sixteen counties in South and East Arkansas. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $5,500.00 for a 12-week period to run from June 20 to September 9, 1966.

We are limiting the grant to 12 weeks subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted is to cover the following:

a)	Director's salary @ $100 per week	$ 1,200.00
b)	(3) Field Representatives (@ $ 65.00 per week)	2,340.00
c)	Secretary @ $40.00 per week	480.00
d)	Office Rent	160.00
e)	Transportation	1,000.00
f)	Office Supplies	100.00
g)	Printing and Postage	220.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank. The Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program. A copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Friday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report, and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully, and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit semi-monthly reports setting forth the following: a) number of persons registered, b) method used in getting persons to the registration office, c) increase of number of new voters in the two week period, d) problems, if any, encountered with local registrars, police, or private citizens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of, or against, any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Research Director, Marvin Wall, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ:nm
Enclosure

June 23, 1966

Mr. Ozell Sutton
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: VEP 6-65

Dear Mr. Sutton:

In his letter of June 20, 1966, Mr. Jordan mentioned certain research reports that are required. These are the reports explained on Page 3 of the Voter Education Project guidelines.

A report on meetings being held, people being contacted, number registered, etc., is required every two weeks. It is important that the information be accurate. Figures, particularly for "number successfully registered," should be by actual count and <u>not by estimate.</u>

A supply of forms for this type of report is being sent to you under separate cover. These forms also may be used by your workers in making reports to you. We ask, however, that you not send the reports turned in by the various workers. Rather, we prefer that you have someone in your office consolidate these reports and send us a single report covering a single period. Since your program began June 20 we will need reports from you on July 4, July 18, August 1, August 15, August 29, and September 12.

In addition, we will need two narrative reports from you--one on July 30, and another on September 15, after your program has been completed. These longer reports

should describe the scope and organization of your program, the number of workers used, and techniques employed in your drive. Samples should be enclosed of any printed materials used. Do not hesitate to describe any obstacles encountered, either from within your program or from without. A complete and frank report will help both you and VEP in evaluating your program and planning future programs.

Please keep in mind that this outline of required reports is not limiting. That is to say, we hope you will include anything that seems of interest or importance. We encourage you to pass along any comments of value made by workers in your program. The comments of any student workers you use are especially desired.

We wish for you every success, and look forward to receiving your reports.

Sincerely yours,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

MW/pf

June 23, 1966

Union National Bank
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: Account No. 51-897-476

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $500.00 to be deposited to the account of the Operation Registration Cleanup Drive. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/pf

June 23, 1966

Mr. C. H. James
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
P.O. Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. James:

Enclosed are the following: a) a copy of our letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account, b) copy of deposit slip indicating same, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sinberely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/pf
Encls:

ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1310 WRIGHT AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72206
PHONE FR 6-3541

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5 July 1966

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Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Vernon:

Enclosed is a copy of our VEP signature card, statement of bank account authorization, and a special return envelope to be used with our first deposit. Worthen Bank will send you a supply of deposit slips before the end of this week.

Thanks a lot.

Sincerely,

Carole

Carole I. Taylor
Secretary

Given to T.O.

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July 6, 1966

The Worthen Bank & Trust Company
Post Office Box 1681
Main & Fourth
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

Re: Account No.
0005-289-6

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $500.00 to be deposited to the account of the Voter Education Project, Arkansas Council on Human Relations.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO:nm
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Benjamin S. Grinage

July 6, 1966

Mr. Benjamin S. Grinage
Director
Voter Education Project
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal to the Worthen Bank of Little Rock, and b) Weekly Report Forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO:nm
Enclosures

July 13, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin S. Grinage
Director
Voter Education Project
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Ave.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal to the Worthen Bank and Trust Company, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

July 13, 1966

Worthen Bank and Trust Company
Little Rock
Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $1,000.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, Voter Education Project. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

cc: Mr. Benjamin S. Grinage

Arkansas Council on Human Relations Proposal Apr. 15 to July 15

This is overall a good-sounding program but it has some serious holes. I would like to see some brief but specific answers to these questions.

Re. statewide workshop: what experts? is a campus committed? 50 to 100 people - from what geographical area? will you have representation from the same 40 counties previously worked? more coverage or less?

specifically, you only spell out the agenda for the one big meeting, say the four regional meetings would be "followed by extensive work in citizenship education" this is vague, raises two questions

1) who are you envisioning as resource persons for "basic community structure?"
2) how do you plan to motivate attendance t o these "town meetings?"

should not any future communication with Ark. CHR and SNCC immediately delineate their "turf" i.e. Ark CHR should know precisely where SNCC working and we should get some sort of pledge of cooperation from SNCC for whatever workshop will embrace their area

Budget - Revised

Director - part time - $75 a week too high, say $50 at most	800
Field Worker - much too high, say $75 a week	1,200
Office Secretary @ $50 week	800
Travel - @ .08 per mile they have budgeted 7,500 miles for 2 staff persons (1 part time) in 4 months	300
State workshop	1,000
4 regional workshops	500
printing	1,000
postage	125
office supplies	150
telephone	300
rent - can't 2 office staff people, 1 of them part time, rent modest space from Ark CHR or other group, slight utilities in warm weather	100
contingencies - as presently budgeted, represents 5% of total budget, let's worrry about contingencies if they arise	0
	$6,475.00

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July 28, 1966

The Worthen Bank and Trust Company
Post Office Box 1681
Main and Fourth
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $800.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, Votere Education Project. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

cc: Mr. Benjamin S. Grinage

July 28, 1966

Mr. Benjamin S. Grinage
Director
Voter Education Project
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

August 12, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin S. Grinage
Director
Voter Education Project
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal to the Worthen Bank and Trust Company, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

August 13, 1966

Worthen Bank & Trust Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $500.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, Voter Education Project. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1310 WRIGHT AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72206
PHONE FR 6-3541

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ARKANSAS VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
REV. BEN GRINAGE, DIRECTOR

15 August 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Olive,

This financial report is being submitted due to the fact that we were only partially reimbursed on the last report submitted. You will note that the payroll was made through this week ending 19 August 1966. This was done because of the uncertainty of when we might expect reimbursement. Some amount of time is lost when we are not able to stay in the field.

I can appreciate some of the difficulties that arise in administrative offices that have such a large area of responsibility such as yours. We are not being critical but are really concerned that we do the best possible job within the limitations of time and resources.

Please advise us of anything that we can do from here to make your work easier.

Yours in the struggle,
Rev. Ben Grinage
Rev. Ben Grinage
Director
Arkansas Voter Education Project

BG/ks
Enclosures

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August 19, 1966

Worthen Bank and Trust Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $600.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, Voter Education Project. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

August 19, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Ave.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage:

This is only to confirm the visit of Mr. Andre Moore's visit to your Project on Monday, August 22.

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

We very much regret the delay, and assur you that your reimbursements will be handled promptly.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1310 WRIGHT AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72206
PHONE FR 6-3541

ARKANSAS VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
REV. BEN GRINAGE, DIRECTOR

26 August 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Olive:

We would like to acknowledge receipt of your check in the amount of $600.00 on 22 August 1966.

We felt that the information enclosed would be of interest to you. In addition to the regular financial report forms, we are submitting the following: a) A summary of expenditures from 27 June 1966 through 26 August 1966, and b) A corrected tabulation of voters registered by the Arkansas Voter Education Project as of 19 August 1966.

The amount spent per registered voter as of 22 August 1966 was $1.69.

Thank you for your quick response to our last report.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ben Grinage

Rev. Ben Grinage
Director
Arkansas Voter Education Project

BG/ks
Enclos:

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August 29, 1966

Worthen Bank & Trust Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $348.84 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, Voter Education Project. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:
cc: Mr. Benjamin Grinage

August 30, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Director
Arkansas Voter Education Project
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage:

As you know, we are doing everything possible to assure you of the very best possible service. We certainly appreciate your excellent report of August 26. Naturally, we are very glad that you have found our service dependable, and we assure you that every effort will be made to maintain this standard.

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

August 31, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Director
Arkansas Voter Education Project
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slips, c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

May we have some additional deposit slips.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

August 31, 1966

Worthen Bank and Trust Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $300.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

TOTAL VOTERS REGISTERED BY
THE ARKANSAS VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
AS OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1966

COUNTY	1st Report 11 July	2nd Report 5 August	3rd Report 19 August	4th Report 7 Sept.	Totals
ASHLEY	0	0	41	44	85
CHICOT	0	0	0	4	4
COLUMBIA	0	0	58	51	109
CRAIGHEAD	103	0	0	0	103
CRITTENDEN	0	0	0	69	69
DESHA	67	16	43	23	149
JEFFERSON	224	75	86	317	702
LEE	0	36	0	0	36
LINCOLN	127	11	49	11	198
MILLER	0	34	75	68	177
MISSISSIPPI	0	0	126	0	126
OUACHITA	0	28	90	92	210
ST. FRANCIS	0	214	170	173	557
UNION	0	0	54	78	132
TOTALS	521	414	792	1,727	2,657

Total amount spent per registered voter to date - $ 1.52

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COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1310 WRIGHT AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72206
PHONE FR 6-3541

ARKANSAS VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
REV. BEN GRINAGE, DIRECTOR

8 September 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

RECEIVED
AUG 9 - 1966

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Enclosed is our proposal for a 9 week crash program for voter registration and education in Arkansas.

Sincerely,
Rev. Ben Grinage
Rev. Ben Grinage
Director
Arkansas Voter Education Project

BG/ks
Enclosure

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7 September 1966

A VOTER REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION PROJECT

PROPOSED

TO THE

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

BY

THE ARKANSAS VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

A VOTER REGISTRATION AND EDUCATION PROJECT

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations proposes to conduct a continued and expanded Voter Registration and Education campaign in 16 counties in South and East Arkansas. The project will be under the general supervision of ACHR's board and executive staff and under the present special staff of the Arkansas Voter Education Project with additional staff employed to conduct the campaign.

The campaign would continue upon being funded and would necessarily extend for a 9 week period beginning September 19th and continuing through the general election. An individual must be registered by October 18th in order to participate in the general election. The importance of the educational aspect of this project cannot be overemphasized. It has been our experience in the past 12 weeks that having registered a voter does not necessarily guarantee his actual participation in an election.

This year's two remaining elections are of particular importance. The school board elections to be held on September 27th will involve a significant number of Negro candidates. The November general election will involve the Democratic nominee for governor Jim Johnson, who is a declared ultra-conservative and an out-spoken segregationist. He faces extremely strong opposition from the Republican candidate Winthrop Rockefeller.

It is imperative that our campaign be continued for a 9 week period. The discontinuation of our project at this point would result in perpetuating the political and economic enslavement of the Arkansas Negro.

PURPOSE

While there has been an increase in the Negro voter population of this state, the number is far from sufficient. (see appendix 1) Our immediate purpose is to have a stepped-up, crash program in order to increase the number of Negro registered voters in Arkansas. It is our opinion that a minimum of 50,000 Negroes should be added to the list of qualified voters by October 18th.

Our experience has shown and our statistics verify the fact that a tremendous number of qualified registered voters did not participate in the primary and/or the runoff elections. (see appendix 2) This resulted in an effective block-voting by the conservative and racist population of Arkansas. We must effectively counteract this voting element. It will be necessary to break the barrier of fear present in the previously neglected Negro voter. This would be best accomplished through the establishment and the continuation of voter education workshops located in the areas in which we have been working.

METHOD

A director, a field coordinator, 8 field workers and a secretary will constitute the full-time staff. The director and his secretary will be housed in the office of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Each field worker will organize and supervise the campaign in one or more assigned counties.

The counties where the campaign will be conducted are heavily populated with Negroes. (see appendix 2) The campaign structure will be divided into 7 regions with one field representative in charge of each region with the exception of region number 5 which

will have 2 field representatives. The counties will be divided into the following regions: 1) Mississippi and Crittenden, 2) St. Francis and Monroe, 3) Jefferson, 4) Lincoln and Desha, 5) Union, Calhoun and Ouachita, 6) Miller, Columbia and Lafayette, and 7) Chicot, Ashley and Bradley.

These 16 counties are strategic in any voter registration campaign among Negroes. Some 115,000 of the Negro population of voting age reside in these counties. Excluding Pulaski county with a Negro population of voting age of 27,822, these counties contain 66% of all voting age Negroes in Arkansas. Although we did not include Pulaski and Phillips counties in our outline, it is imperative that there be a more effective and better coordinated voter education project in these two areas. With sufficient funds provided, we would be willing to include these 2 counties in our project.

Campaigns have been initiated in most of the counties mentioned and local community organizations have been set up in a number of these areas. An additional grant would enable us to continue our activities utilizing the local organizations and individual contacts who have previously committed themselves to our project.

The Arkansas Council on Human Relations is requesting a grant of $11,650 with which to carry out the above outlined project.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR A 9 WEEK CRASH PROGRAM

Director at $100 per week	$ 900.00
Field coordinator at $80 per week	720.00
8 field staff workers at $60 per week	4320.00
Secretary at $50 per week	450.00
Office rent	160.00
Telephone	175.00
Travel - Director	600.00
Travel - Field coordinator	800.00
Travel - 8 field staff	2000.00
Field expenses	1000.00
Office supplies	100.00
Printing and materials	300.00
Postage	125.00
	$11,650.00

APPENDIX 1

TOTAL VOTERS REGISTERED BY
THE ARKANSAS VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
AS OF 7 SEPTEMBER 1966

COUNTY	3rd PERIOD 19 AUGUST	TO DATE 7 SEPTEMBER
ASHLEY	41	85
CHICOT	0	4
COLUMBIA	58	109
CRAIGHEAD	103	103
CRITTENDEN	0	69
DESHA	126	149
JEFFERSON	385	702
LEE	36	36
LINCOLN	187	198
MILLER	109	177
MISSISSIPPI	126	126
OUACHITA	118	210
ST. FRANCIS	384	557
UNION	54	132
TOTAL	1,727	2,657

APPENDIX 2

COUNTY	1960 NEGROES OF VOTING AGE	1960 WHITES OF VOTING AGE	REGISTERED VOTERS			% OF INCREASE June - July	% OF TOTAL VOT. AGE POP. NEGRO	1966 PRIMARY		
			1964	1966 June	1966 5 July			HAYS	JOHNSON	HOLT
ASHLEY	4,258	9,012	8,656	8,070	8,768	8.5	32.1	754	3,833	876
CHICOT	5,555	4,817	7,191	6,414	7,000	9.2	53.6	1,028	1,869	936
COLUMBIA	4,808	10,646	9,119	7,804	8,293	6.2	31.1	750	934	1,378
CRAIGHEAD	881	26,047	16,384	14,454	18,113	3.0	3.3	1,979	2,408	3,127
CRITTENDEN	12,871	10,569	11,247	8,500	8,885	4.5	54.9	417	724	1,972
DESHA	4,802	6,103	7,649	6,819	7,181	5.3	44.0	1,070	1,121	1,055
JEFFERSON	17,505	27,284	28,521	29,978	30,950	3.2	39.1	3,895	3,851	2,628
LEE	5,957	4,545	5,158	5,132	5,708	11.2	56.7	682	1,351	869
LINCOLN	3,579	4,619	5,044	4,699	4,878	3.9	43.7	397	1,131	1,090
MILLER	4,290	14,327	12,296	10,892	11,435	5.0	23.0	1,378	2,217	1,614
MISSISSIPPI	9,638	26,739	19,518	15,320	16,107	5.1	26.5	896	998	2,327
OUACHITA	6,163	12,021	15,931	12,659	13,528	6.8	33.9	1,896	3,366	1,697
ST. FRANCIS	8,403	7,963	9,953	10,100	10,633	5.2	51.3	896	2,701	938
UNION.	7,590	21,725	19,824	18,974	19,746	4.0	25.9	1,768	5,680	2,049

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Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

BUDGET REVISION: Arkansas Council on Human Relations

VEP 66-65 Report due Friday of each week

June 20 to September 9, 1966 "12 Week Program"

Director @ $100 per week	$1200.00	
(3) Field Representatives @ $65. per week	2340.00	
Secretary @ $40. per week	480.00	
Office Rent	160.00	
Transportation	1000.00	
Office Supplies	100.00	
Printing and Postage	220.00	
		$5500.00

28 wks
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1.200.00
2.340.00
480.00
160.00
1.000.00
100.00
220.00
5.500.00

September 9, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Ave.
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

Dear Reverend Grinage:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

September 9, 1966

Worthen Bank & Trust Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $580.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1310 WRIGHT AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72206
501 PHONE FR 6-3541

ARKANSAS VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
REV. BEN GRINAGE, DIRECTOR

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9 September 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Olive:

We are submitting our 7th financial report covering the period from 2 September 1966 through 9 September 1966.

We have included a table showing our total number of registered voters to date. As you will note, there has been a decrease in the amount spent per registered voter. As of 7 September 1966, the amount spent per registered voter was $1.52.

Enclosed are the following: a) The regular financial report forms, b) A table of registered voters as of 7 September 1966, and c) Additional deposit slips.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ben Grinage

Rev. Ben Grinage
Director

BG/ks
Enclosures

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A Council to attain equal opportunity for all peoples

September 12, 1966

The Worthen Bank & Trust Company
P.O. Box 1681
Main And Fourth
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $327.86 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf
Encls:

September 12, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Director
Voter Registration Project
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Ave.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Ben:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

September 22, 1966

Mr. Elijah Coleman
Acting Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Ave.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Coleman:

This is to inform you that the Voter Education Project is making a supplementary grant to the Arkansas Council on Human Relations in the amount of $3,000 for the period beginning September 9 through December 31, 1966.

The supplementary grant is made to enable the Arkansas Council on Human Relations to continue its Voter Education Project in the sixteen designated counties in south and east Arkansas. Pursuant to this grant we are depositing to your account today $750.00.

I would suggest that to the extent possible, especially through the October 9 registration, that the project continue to operate under its present budget allocation. It may be, however, that after that time you will have to make some personnel readjustments in view of the size of the grant. I would like to discuss the project's budgetary allocation with you, Reverend Grinage, and Father Clancy soon. I plan to come to Arkansas for that discussion.

The conditions that I have set forth in the initial grant will be applicable to the supplementary grant. Mr. Wall will be in touch with you regarding future research requirements. I hope to be in Little Rock within the fortnight.

Sincerely,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

VEJ/pf

September 23, 1966

The Worthan Bank & Trust Company
P.O. Box 1681
Main and Fourth
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $750.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

September 30, 1966

Mr. Elijah Coleman, Acting Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Ave.
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Coleman:

I am please to know that your drive is continuing until December 31. Mr. Grinage is thoroughly familiar with our reporting requirement and has been filing excellent reports. We will continue to need statistical reports on each county every two weeks and a narrative on the entire project monthly. I am sending you a supply of forms under separate cover.

We wish you the best of luck in this extended campaign.

Sincerely,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

MW/pf

October 17, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Reverend Grinage:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

October 17, 1966

Worthen Bank and Trust Company
Little Rock Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $405.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

ARKANSAS
COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
1310 WRIGHT AVENUE
LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72206
PHONE FR 6-3541

ARKANSAS VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT
REV. BEN GRINAGE, DIRECTOR

20 October 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Mr. Olive:

We received your $405 reimbursement check today. In paying salaries through last Friday, our balance is again quite low. Since we have another two week payroll to meet next Friday, would it be possible to send a reimbursement for the enclosed financial report by that time?

Enclosed is our second financial report for the period from 4 October through 20 October.

Sincerely,

Rev. Ben Grinage

Rev. Ben Grinage
Director

BG:ks
Enclosures

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October 28, 1966

The Reverend Ben Grinage
Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

Dear Reverend Grinage:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

October 28, 1966

Worthen Bank & Trust Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $734.67 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

November 2, 1966

Mrs. Alice Alston
P.O. Box 191
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Alice:

Thad and I both are still elated over the television show. We are looking forward to having the film to show to Vernon and the others here.

Since Vernon is out of town, Thad and I have voted two to nothing to ask you to put the expense of the Saturday gathering on the television program's bill. We thoroughly enjoyed it and do not wish for you to carry the expense personally.

We look forward to having your report on the first program. I hope that by now you may have had some more favorable news from Birmingham.

As we always do, we enjoyed being in Auburn.

Sincerely,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

MW/pf

November 7, 1966

Worthen Bank and Trust Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $560.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

November 7, 1966

Worthen Bank and Trust Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $560.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

November 7, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Reverend Grinage:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

November 23, 1966

Mrs. Kathryn Steeves
Secretary
Arkansas Voter Education Project
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

Dear Mrs. Steeves:

We are glad to respond to your letter of November 14, in which you request more complete information concerning your project's balance. The delay in responding to your letter was due to two factors; one the Annual Meeting of SRC, and the fact that I was out of town.

Our records are in agreement; however, I am returning a copy of your Financial Summary to point out, what I am sure was an oversight. The total amount spent is $7,796.51, however, in substracting you used only $7,796.00, but otherwise we are in agreement.

For your information, after this deposit of $550.33, this completely exhaust your second grant.

Enclosed are the following: a) letter of transmittal, b) deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report forms.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

November 23, 1966

Worthen Bank and Trust Company
Little Rock
Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $550.33 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

January 5, 1967

Worthen Bank and Trust Company
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $770.62 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

January 5, 1967

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Director
Arkansas Voter Education Project
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage:

Pursuant to your telephone conversation, with Mr. Jordan the Project is granting your request. The amount granted is $770.62.

As previously mentioned, the Project cannot, at this time, honor your request for additional Fieldman. I am sure you understand.

Enclosed are the following; 1) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olivem Jr./
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

January 6, 1967

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Reverend Grinage:

Enclosed is a memorandum from Emory Via, who is in charge of the Labor Education Project at the Southern Regional Council. I told Mr. Via that I felt taht you could help him out. If you could supply him with the requested list, as soon as possible, I would greatly appreciate it.

Best wishes for the new year and your organizational program.

Sincerely,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

MW/pf
cc: Mr. Emory Via

January 9, 1967

Mr. Elijah Coleman
Executive Director
The Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: VEP 7-1

Dear Mr. Coleman:

Since both you and Mr. Grinage are thoroughly familiar with our research reporting requirements, I need not go into detail.

We will need from Mr. Grinage each month a narrative report of his organizational activities. This report should contain such facts as the number of meetings held, number of people attending, where held, etc. The report should set out any obstacles encountered, and any special problems that arise. If any registration activities are still being conducted at this point, Mr. Grinage has the necessary statistical report forms. If more forms are needed please let us know.

Thorough reports of this undertaking are highly important to us. There is always a possibility that other states may want to create state wide organizations. Thus, it will be of great value to have a detailed record of your experience in Arkansas.

We will, of course, be in close touch with you and we wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Marvin Wall
Director of Research

MW/pf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Voter Education Project
Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations.

1. A separate bank account will be opened and used solely for deposit and disbursement of funds under this grant.

2. Deposit slips and a copy of the signature card on this bank account are furnished to VEP.

3. The bank is instructed to mail all bank statements and cancelled checks to VEP. If this instruction is violated by the bank these documents must be forwarded UNOPENED to VEP.

4. Payments for such purchases or services relevant to the grant are to be made from the above-mentioned bank account and should be made by check whenever possible.

5. Cash expenditures should be kept to a minimum and when they are made are to be supported by vouchers to which receipts and/or invoices (or copies thereof) are attached.

6. Items on vouchers supporting cash expenditures must be broken down to show amount spent for each item; viz,

Right		Wrong	
Office supplies	$5.00	Office supplies and Postage	$5.60
Postage	.60		
Total	$5.60		

7. Vouchers supporting the purchase of advertising or printing should have attached to them samples of such materials when feasible (placards, newspaper ads, bumper stickers, etc.) or exact texts when samples are not possible (as in radio ads and billboards). This is also a research requirement.

8. Personal loans are not to be made from VEP funds nor should payments for activities on non-grant projects be made even when a re-deposit of like amount is intended later.

9. VEP funds are not to be used for the payment of poll tax, under any circumstances, not even in the form of loans.

10. All voided checks, cash vouchers, and supporting receipts, invoices, media samples, and travel expense forms must be attached to a properly filled out weekly report and mailed to VEP each_____. These reports are to be certified by the individual responsible for the project by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the bottom of weekly report.

11. When you make a direct grant to a regional affiliate, detailed expenditures of this direct grant must be supported by this same method of reporting either directly to VEP or through you to VEP.

12. When your regional affiliates make direct grants to local groups detailed expenditures of these direct grants must be supported by this same method of reporting either directly to VEP or through the regional affiliate or through you to VEP.

IN OTHER WORDS (RE 11 and 12) DIRECT GRANTS CANNOT BE MADE TO REGIONAL OR LOCAL GROUPS WITHOUT FULL ACCOUNTING TO VEP FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THESE DIRECT GRANTS.

13. All reports, vouchers, bank statements, and cancelled checks will be retained by VEP. Should the grantee need access to these records they will be available.

Submit all financial reports to Thaddeus Olive, Jr.,

Administrative Aide, Voter Project.

ARKANSAS COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

PAYEE'S NAME James Jones VOUCHER NO. 1

COUNTY CREDITED St Francis CHECK NO. 101

PAID BY AEHR-VEP

DATE: BEGINNING 11 July 1966 ENDING

CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED : AMOUNT $25.00

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE James Jones

TRAVEL ADVANCE x (check) OTHER PURPOSE (specify)

PURPOSE : Gas and car repair

SPECIFIC ITEMS :

AUTO MILEAGE (@ 7¢) .....

MEALS .....

HOTEL .....

GASOLINE .....

STAMPS .....

SUPPLIES .....

MISC. .....

TOTAL .....

IF OVER OR UNDER CASH PAYMENT OR TRAVEL ADVANCE
PLEASE SPECIFY

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE James Jones

ARKANSAS COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

PAYEE'S NAME ACHR VOUCHER NO. 2

COUNTY CREDITED Lincoln and Jefferson CHECK NO. 102
PAID BY ACHR-VEP

DATE: BEGINNING 27-6-66 ENDING 8-7-66

CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED : AMOUNT $394.21

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE Carole Taylor, Secretary, ACHR

TRAVEL ADVANCE x ($189.21 check) OTHER PURPOSE (specify) x ($205.)

PURPOSE : ½ Salaries as of 1 July 1966-- $205.00 (½ total amount due ACHR)
Full amount owed ACHR $410.00
Travel expense $189.21 -- We retain itemized vouchers for travel expense

SPECIFIC ITEMS :

AUTO MILEAGE (@ 7¢)	James Jones 633 miles	$42.21
	Rev. Grinage 705	$49.35
MEALS	Rev. Grinage $3.50 , James Jones $2.00	5.50
HOTEL		
GASOLINE		
STAMPS		
SUPPLIES		
MISC.	Advanced travel expense	95.00
TOTAL		$ 192.06

IF OVER OR UNDER CASH PAYMENT OR TRAVEL ADVANCE
PLEASE SPECIFY $2.85

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE Carole Taylor, Secretary
ACHR

ARKANSAS COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

PAYEE'S NAME Rev. Ben Grinage VOUCHER NO. 3

COUNTY CREDITED Little Rock Office CHECK NO. 103

PAID BY

DATE: BEGINNING 11 July 1966 ENDING

CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED : AMOUNT $33.30

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE Benjamin L. Grinage

TRAVEL ADVANCE (check) OTHER PURPOSE (specify) x

PURPOSE : Typewriter Rental full time of grant covered

SPECIFIC ITEMS :

AUTO MILEAGE (@ 7¢) .....

MEALS .....

HOTEL .....

GASOLINE .....

STAMPS .....

SUPPLIES .....

MISC. .....

TOTAL .....

IF OVER OR UNDER CASH PAYMENT OR TRAVEL ADVANCE
PLEASE SPECIFY

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE

ARKANSAS COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS
VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

PAYEE'S NAME U S Postmaster VOUCHER NO. 4

COUNTY CREDITED Little Rock Office CHECK NO. 104
PAID BY ACHR - VEP

DATE: BEGINNING 11 July 1966 ENDING

CASH PAYMENT RECEIVED : AMOUNT $28.00

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE Kathryn Stevens (Secretary VEP)

TRAVEL ADVANCE _____ (check) OTHER PURPOSE (specify) X

PURPOSE : Postage

SPECIFIC ITEMS :

AUTO MILEAGE (@ 7¢)	
MEALS	
HOTEL	
GASOLINE	
STAMPS	$28.00
SUPPLIES	
MISC.	
TOTAL	$28.00

IF OVER OR UNDER CASH PAYMENT OR TRAVEL ADVANCE
PLEASE SPECIFY

SIGNATURE OF PAYEE Kathryn Stevens (VEP Secretary)

KOKY Radio 1440

POST OFFICE BOX 1956 — LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203 — PHONE FRanklin 2-0391 — AREA CODE 501

March 12, 1966

RECEIVED
MAR 14 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Enclosed you will find a budget proposal and brief description of the ORCD organization in Little Rock. This proposal is being sent to you pursuant to our discussion when you were here.

We sincerely hope your organization will see fit to underwrite our efforts: if you have any further questions concerning our group, and our ability to perform the work we have laid out, please feel free to call upon me for answers.

It was a pleasure meeting you; here's hoping we will be working together in this all-important voter registration/education area.

Sincerely

C.H. Jones,
General Chairman
ORCD

CHJ/ba

MARKET DATA GOSPEL — NEWS — RHYTHM — BLUES — COMMUNITY SERVICE

Total Population in KOKY coverage area	711,825	Food	$74,823,000
Total Negro Population in KOKY coverage area	172,991	Drug	$11,274,000
Consumer Spendable Income	$506,305,000	General Merchandise	$54,003,000
Metro Retail Sales	$337,885,000	Automotive	$78,041,000
Untapped Potential	$168,420,000	Apparel	$17,242,000
		Home Furnishings	$18,832,000

5,000 WATTS

POST OFFICE BOX 1956 — LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203 — PHONE FRanklin 2-0391 — AREA CODE 501

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General Chairman
ORCD

CHJ/ba

A Proposal From

OPERATION REGISTRATION CLEANUP DRIVE

Of Little Rock, Arkansas

for aid from

VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

Atlanta, Georgia

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Organization

The conception, planning, and organization of Operation registration Cleanup Drive in Pulaski County, Arkansas, is the manifestation of a dynamic visionary idea as expressed by Mr. C.H. Jones, Editor of the Southern Mediator Journal, in cooperation with the many civic-minded citizens in positions of responsibility..... specifically in the Negro community.

ORCD is composed of men and women of prominence within their own organizations, neighborhoods, etc.: virtually all walks of life are represented in the leadership, as well as within the body of the organization. Organizational structure includes: A General Chairman; two Co-Chairmen to work with him; an Executive Committee, composed of ten additional recognized community leaders; seven Ward Chairmen, who work within the city limits of Little Rock,and North Little Rock; and thirteen District Chairmen, who work within community areas within Pulaski County. Each of the Ward Chairmen and District Chairmen has appointed Block Captains, who will be responsible for ORCD efforts in their immediate neighborhoods.

The General Chairman, Editor C.H. Jones, Southern Mediator Journal
Co-Chairmen: Mrs. Daisy Bates, Youth Coordinator
Rev. Mr. F.T. Evans, Coordinator of Clergy

Their specific jobs are to spearhead this project within their chosen areas: Rev. Mr. Evans, due to his prominent position, is to work within the clergy to organize churches behind this program. Mrs. Bates, due to her vast prior experience, will serve with young people who will work in the door-to-door campaign to register qualified residents in Negro areas, primarily.

Chairman of Executive Committee, Mr. I. S. McClinton
Coordinator for College Support: Rev. Mr. P.H. Russell, Shorter College

The primary organizational meeting was held on February 18, 1966, in Little Rock. At this meeting at least one leadership figure from each bona fide organization within the Pulaski County Negro Community was present, each was given opportunity to express his views on the project as outlined, and each unhaltingly pledged fullest support of his own particular organization.

ORCD is a project in the historic precedent....."Of the people, by the people, and for the people".

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Within the boundaries of Pulaski County there are approximately 62,000 Negro residents. Of these, some 35,000 are qualified to register as electors. Of these, the greater majority...approximately 20,000 have never registered to vote. It is the purpose of ORCD to reach these people, and MOTIVATE them to discharge their civic responsibilities by registering.....and voting. It is the primary purpose of ORCD to see that qualified Negroes are registered at the Pulaski County Clerk's office, BUT.....further than that.....there is a companion service planned by ORCD to assure the maximum number of these registered voters will go to the polls on election days, since the former is useless without the latter. AND.....ORCD plans support of a "citizenship education program" in this County to fully correlate the entire civic process.

Initial contact with these 20,000 has been made through the combined facilities of the Southern Mediator Journal and Radio Station KOKY. Since the beginning of 1966 weekly articles, along with a reproduction of the pre-registration form, have appeared in the Southern Mediator Journal. Through the 5 kilowatt signal of KOKY, daily announcements have alerted the public to the formation, purpose, and goals of ORCD, as well as offering the opportunity for interested citizens to join forces with the ORCD workers, and also providing a central spot for interested persons to come and receive their pre-registration forms, and help in completing them, when it is needed. A schedule of ten announcements per day for the week preceding the February 18 meeting, for instance, provided 80 spots, with an impact-potential of 60,000 and a reasonable expectancy of 20,000 interested listeners.....for a total of well over a million impressions. Since these two media are the official organs of ORCD, and an integral part of the organization, continued support in this, and greater, strength is assured.

Under the direction of Mrs. Daisy Bates, the youth of the community will participate in a County-wide door-to-door march on Saturday, March 26. Mrs. Bates will be assisted by Rev. Mr. P.H. Russell, who will direct the liaison between the schools involved and ORCD. The purpose of such total-County coordination is to achieve the greatest impact from the door-to-door campaign. During the actual marching time....2 to 5 pm, bulletins and directions will be broadcast over KOKY, which will serve as the nerve-center for this operation. Mr. Leo Carter, KOKY's Chief Announcer, is March Chairman for ORCD.

On Sunday, April 17, these youth volunteers will visit the churches in Pulaski County which, through the work of Rev. Mr. Evans and his committee will make a special program for voter registration work, and give time and space to ORCD workers who will pre-register those qualified in each congregation visited.

ORCD....the Project: (cont'd)

As of March 1, 1966, workers who had volunteered to participate in ORCD programs totalled well over 100. Each of these is armed with a supply of pre-registration forms to be distributed to anyone who is not registered to vote. At the same time, the worker notes the name and address of the person receiving the form, so that follow-up phone calls and positive efforts at registration can be controlled in each case. In cases where transportation is a problem, as in the instance of County residents, the ORCD Transportation Pool stands ready to drive the people to the registrar's office and back, at their convenience. This Transportation Pool is under the direction of Mr. J.W. Holt, Pulaski County ORCD Chairman. This same Pool will be on call during election days to provide transportation to and from the polls. Correlated with this program is the inclusion of baby-sitting volunteers, to serve in cases where mothers have young children who, for one reason or another must be left at the house.

As the obvious extension of this plan, ORCD has tentative plans to organize and conduct a "Citizenship Education" program in Pulaski County, to acquaint all citizens, but especially those from Negro areas and other depressed areas where such training has been lacking. Since this phase of the work is actually a sustained follow-up, no formal plans have been formulated to date: ORCD hopes to receive some instruction, direction, etc., from the Voter Education Project along these lines.

OPERATION REGISTRATION CLEANUP DRIVE is heterogenous. During the February 18 public organizational meeting EVERY organization in the Pulaski County Negro community was represented, and each pledged its unflagging support. ORCD is organized, from the point of initial direction right down to the block wardens: members of the Executive Committee, which steers the project, were carefully chosen for their evident contribution to the ORCD plan. Radio Station KOKY, and the Southern Mediator Journal have pledged fullest support of ORCD, and will provide total communication to the public, with community feedback channeled through the ORCD workers at each level. ORCDhhas the combined skill, ability, enthusiasm, and dedication to see the job done thoroughly: it is a body which represents the complete spectrum of the Negro community of Pulaski County, Arkansas.

Organizations which have committed themselves to cooperation with ORCD, and which have given wholehearted endorsement to this organization for this purpose include: Arkansas Council on Human Relations, Mr. Ozell Sutton, Associate Executive Director; Council on Community Affairs, Dr. W.H. Townsend, President; Urban League of Greater Little Rock, Mr. George I. Henry, Executive Director; East End Civic League, Mr. Jeffrey Hawkins, President; NAACP, Mr. L. C. Bates, Field Director; Arkansas Democratic Voters Association, Mr. I.S. McClinton, President; OIC in Pulaski County, Father Henry L. Parker, Director;.....and many others.

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Operation Registration Cleanup Drive is designed to be affected within the period of A 6-week intensified campaign. It is, however, kept flexible enough to be extended until July's registration deadline. It is also being mapped as a prototype plan to be used by any other county in Arkansas which might request information.....and ORCD members of the Executive Committee stand ready to visit and consult with other county committes to assist them, giving them the benefit of experience and training.

The proposed budget for the inital six-week period, schedule for extension as theneed to continue the campaign warrents, is designed on a cash balance basis. To maintain control over the funds, a Fiscal Committee has been formed, including Mr. I. S. McClinton, Chairman, Mrs. Daisy Bates, and Mr. C.H. Jones, Disbursements will be made only upon presentation of proof of valid claims, and checks issued will be valid only with any two of the above three signatures, thus providing contersignatures for protection.

ITEM	AMOUNT (rounded)
Office Space	$ 60.00
Telephone (3)	250.00
Printing & Advertising	375.00
Office Secretary	450.00
Office Supplies & Rental Equipment	275.00
Transportation	315.00
Postage	80.00
Miscellaneous	250.00
TOTAL	$2,055.00

It shall be incumbent upon the ORCD Fiscal Committee to establish a schedule of items which will appear under these headings and be accepted as valid claims: disbursements will be made only in response to receipts and such physical proof. The Office Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance of records, reports, etc.

In this, the initial meeting of the Executive Committee of ORCD, it was agreed to organize the grass roots into action groups designed to reach the non-registered Negroes who are qualified to vote in Pulaski County, educate them as to the need, the method, and the desire, and then work with them to accomplish total registration before the upcoming primary election.

Basic structure will be thus: The General Chairman and his chosen cohorts are to oversee the action of the Executive Committee, which is to act as a guiding body for the mass of workers. Each ward in the cities, and area in the county will have chairman and co-chairman to serve as liaison between the workers and the Executive Committee. Ideally, each block will have at least one person who will work in the ORCD program, and who will report to the Ward Chairmen, who in turn report to the Executive Committee. At the suggestion of Mr. Holt, it was agreed that each person dispensing pre-registration forms keep a record of the number given and the recipient, in order that follow-up action may be instituted.

Mrs. Daisy Bates will be in charge of the Youth Division of ORCD....and will work directly with Editor C.H. Jones, General Chairman, as well as with (and as a member of) the Executive Committee.

Rev. Mr. F.T. Evans will act as Coordinator of Clergy: his objective is to organize the clergy of Pulaski County behind the ORCD work, and coordi coordinate their activities. Highspot of this facet of the campaign is to be a given Sunday when the Youth Division would visit all participating churches and act as instructors.

On yet another day there will be a total-neighbothood drive, when block captain, workers, Ward Chairmen, etc., will make a door-to-door march. KOKY will act as a nervecenter for this drive, specifically, giving action spots and field reports as they are available.

Mrs. Daisy Bates and Mr. Leo Carter were Named co-chairmen for a special Sunday program to be scheduled regularly on KOKY during this ORCD movement.

It was further agreed that all activities will be carefully documented in order that the plans, systems, techniques, and accomplishments of this ORCD program will be make available to every other county in Arkansas, with the Pulaski County ORCD as the model system, and members of the Executive Committee will be available to other counties in advisory capacity accouring to their respective duties and fields of responsibility.

The ORCD Publicity Committee consists of Mr. Edward Phelan, Chairman; Editor C.H. Jones, Co-Chairman; Mr. Leo Carter, KOKY; Rev. Mr. Walter E. Jasper, KOKY, and Dextral Alexander, KOKY.

A General Meeting for ORCD workers is planned, tentatively, for Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 pm, at Dunbar Community Center. Stay tuned to KOKY for confirmation.

Submitted this 2/24/66 ewp

OPERATION REGISTRATION CLEANUP DRIVE

Exucutive Committee meeting, 2/22/66; 7:30 pm; KOKY

Mr. I.S.McClinton, Committee Chairman, presided.

Members of the Executive Committee are:

Mr. I.S.McClinton, 2300 Cross FR 43214
Mrs. L.C.Bates, 1207 W. 28th St FR 47944
Mr. J.W. Holt, Rte. 4, Box 427, NLR, WI 53128
Mr. Jeffrey Hawkins, 1022 Inez St Fr 49020
Mrs M.C. Beasley, Rte. 2, Box 288A Fr 49309
Mrs. Effie Mae Holman, 118 N. Cedar, NLR WI 52859
Rev. Mr. J.E.Williams, Box 221, Wrightsville FR 53647
Mr. Edward Phelan, KOKY
Rev. Mr. Sherman Redwood, 5109 Glenview, NLR WI 53713
Mr. James G. Hill, 178 E. Lee St. NLR

These volunteer workers will serve in addition to the General Chairman, Editor C.H. Jones, and the Coordinator of Clergy, Rev. Mr. F.T. Evans

Ward Chairmen and Committees:

Little Rock: Ward 1
Mr. Nathan Dendy, 2215 Park St.
Mrs. Frankie Jeffries, 1218 W. 28th St. FR 47944

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Mr. Jeffrey Hawkins, (as above)
Mrs. A.J. Phillips, 908 Carson, FR 48976
Mrs. Lillian Thomas, 2722 E. 9th, FR 22588

3
Mrs. A. Neal, 1009 Cross St. Fr 50791
Mrs. Howard Muchison 1223 Ringo St. FR 47049
Mr. Tom Davis, 1406 Izard St. FR 47053

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Mr. David Daniels, 4606 W. 21st St. MO 37653
Mrs. Arnette Potts, 1101 Appianway St. Mo 32254
Mrs. A.C.Turner, 1106 Appianway, MO 41601
Mrs. Parker, John Barrow Addn.
Mr. Porter Walls

NORTH L.R. Ward 1
Mr. C.Williams, 1313 Magnolia, FR 26821

2
Mrs. Cleon Stewart, 703 Walnut, FR 52181
Rev. Mr. P.H. Russell, 518 Cedar, Fr 40440
Mrs. Dorothy Ware, 1014 E. 9th
Mr. George Brown, 811 Walnut, FR 23501
Mrs. W. M. Wallace, 1106 E. 2nd. [illegible]
Mrs. Lola B. Newt, 1617 E. 2nd. FR 55482
Mrs. Alonzo Coleman, 208 Clover WI 51084
Mrs. Odessa Butler

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Mr. J.W. Smith 415 W. 22nd FR 22367
Mrs. Martha Rhodes, 800 E. 17th FR 40181
Mr. E. J. Jackson, 1423 Vine, FR 20552
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PULASKI COUNTY AREAS:	Mr. J.W.Holt, Chairman Mr. Henry Hill, Co- Chairman 179 East Lee, NLR
BARBEE BEND:	Mrs. Mary Barbee Rte. 1 Box 70, NLR
JACKSONVILLE:	Mr. Jesse Luckadoo, Chairman 914 Church St. Jacksonville
	Mrs. Jimmy Cherry, Co- Chairman 1020 Church St. Jacksonville
	Mrs. James Camp 914 Church St. Jacksonville
MARCHE:	Mrs. Letha Wallace, Chairman Rte. 2, Box 334, NLR
	Mrs. Clara Richardson, Co- Chairman Rte 2 Box 336, NLR
[illegible]	Mrs. Leo Richardson, Co- Chairman Rte 2, Box 336, NLR
BRUSH ISLAND:	Mrs. Carolyn Hill, Chairman 179 East Lee, NLR
	Mrs. Gertrude Baker 178 East Lee, NLR
Mt. AARRAT:	Mrs. Laura Gentry Rte. 1, Box 470 NLR
	Mrs. Florine Moore, Co- Chairman Rte.1, Box 470 NLR
CRYSTAL ROAD:	Mrs. Austin Alford, Chairman Rte.6, Box 248, NLR
	Miss Lodine Garrett, Co- Chairman Rte 6 Box 248 NLR
COLLEGE STATION:	MR. Barrett Calmese, Chairman Rte. 2, Box 626
Sweet Home	Rev. W.C.Porter, Chairman Sweet Home, Ark.
Mrs. Mattie Staggers	Mrs. Mattie Staggers, Co- Chairman Sweet Home Arkansas
RIXEY:	Mrs. Derenda Alexander, Chairman 7316 Jacksonville, Highway, NLR
	Mrs. Zelda Jones, Co- Chairman 7323 Jacksonville Highway, NLR

SCOTT	Mrs. Leanna Wilson, Chairman Rte. 1 Box 299, Scott, Ark.
	Mrs. Mary Lee Harper, Co- Chairman Rte. 1, Box 299, Scott, Ark.
MC ALMONT	Mrs. Rubye McFaddea, Chairman Rte. 4, Box 427, NLR
	Mrs. Etta Ervin 4820 Mitchell, NLR

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February 8, 1966

Dear Community Leader:

A recent survey by the Southern Mediator Journal revealed some very "Shocking" stastistics that should be of concern to you ------ Did you know that out of a potential 32,000 eligible Negro Voters in Pulaski County ---- Less than 13,000 are registered to vote at the present time ------ We must be reminded that Negroes in Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, have been beaten, bitten by Dogs, and even killed for trying to exercise a priviledge that we have long neglected in ARKANSAS.

As one of our community leaders, you are especially invited to attend a FREE TURKEY DINNER, Friday, February 18, 1966, 7:00 P.M. at The Phyllis Wheathy Y.W.C.A., 924 Gaines Little Rock, Arkansas, to launch "OPERATION-REGISTRATION CLEAN-UP DRIVE". This will be a Non-Partisan, Non-Political Drive to get every eligible voter registered in Pulaski County ------ We need your help.

Please return the enclosed reservation form to the Southern Mediator Journal Office, Post Office Box, 1259 Little Rock, Arkansas or call FR 4-4809 or FR 4-0349 by Wednesday, February 16th to make reservations ----- Only a limited number of reservations will be accepted ----- Remember the Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings is FREE ----- Your presence will indicate your concern.

Yours for a better community,

C. H. Jones

Mr. C. H. Jones

John W. Holt

Mr. John W. Holt

I. S. McClinton

Mr. I. S. McClinton

Jeffrey Hawkins

Mr. Jeffrey Hawkins

Henry L. Parker

Father Henry L. Parker

Jerry Jewell

Dr. Jerry Jewell

FIRST CLASS CITIZENS: VOTE!

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DINNER MEETING

Phyllis Wheatly Y. M. C.A.
924 Gaines Street
Little Rock, Arkansas
February 18, 1966 - 7:00 P.M.

* * * PROGRAMME * * *

PRESIDING - George I. Henry, Executive Director
URBAN LEAGUE OF GREATER LITTLE ROCK

Opening Song - - - - - - - God Bless America - - Led By- Mrs. Marlene Smith, Instructor Granite Mt. Elementary School

INVOCATION
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE - - - - - - - - - - - Father Henry L. Parker, Vicar St. Phillips Episcopal Church

COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES
COUNCIL ON COMMUNITY AFFAIRS - - - - - - - - - - - Dr. W. H. Townsend

EAST END CIVIC LEAGUE - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Mr. Jeffrey Hawkins

ARKANSAS DEMOCRATIC VOTERS ASSOCIATION - - - - - Mr. I. S. McClinton

N. A. A. C. P. - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Mrs. Daisy Bates

PULASKI COUNTY- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. J. E. Williams

MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - Rev. J. E. Coby
NORTH LITTLE ROCK
LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUEST & VISITORS

SOLO - Mrs. Thelma Betton, Instructor Booker Jr. High School

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

KEYNOTE ADDRESS * * * * * * * * * - * * * * * Mr. C. H. Jones, Editor Southern Mediator Journal

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" We have marched everywhere together to make ourselves known - - - - - Now it's time for us to march to the courthouse and register"
- - - Martin Luther King

\# \# \# \#NOTICE: Special Thanks to All Persons who assisted in making this a Successful Occasion.

April 14, 1966

Mr. C. H. Jones
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
Post Office Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas, 72203

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Arkansas Operation Registration Cleanup Drive for a grant to conduct a voter registration campaign in the Pulaski County area. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $1,000.00 for a six week period to run from April 20 to May 25, 1966.

We are limiting the grant to a six week period subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted is to cover the following:

Director's Salary @ $50.00 per week	$ 300.00
4 Task Force Workers @ $15.00 per week	360.00
Office Supplies	40.00
Telephone	25.00

Transportation	$ 150.00	
Postage	25.00	
Printing and Publicity	100.00	$1,000.00

We are mindful that the amount granted is considerably less than the amount requested. We hope, however, that your remaining financial needs can be met through fund-raising at the local level. Surely Little Rock has not only an interest in voter registration, but vast resources to supplement the contribution of the Voter Education Project.

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank, the Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program, a copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records and should you need access to them they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Wednesday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

To facilitate the Project's research aims, you are required to submit semi-monthly reports setting forth the following: a) number of persons registered, b) method used in getting persons to the registration office, c) increase of number of new voters in the two week period, d) problems,

if any, encountered with local registrars, police, or private citiens, e) threats of intimidation or economic reprisals, if any, f) samples of materials, leaflets, programs. Suggested forms for this reporting are provided.

These funds may not be used to support partisan politics in any manner whatsoever, nor to influence legislation of any kind, nor in behalf of or against any political candidate. You should strongly urge and welcome non-partisan support of your voter registration activities.

Our Research Director, Mrs. Barbara Patterson, will write you regarding further special reporting requirements.

If you have any questions, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

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Enclosure

April 19, 1966

Mr. C. H. Jones
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
Post Office Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

RE: VEP 6-33

Dear Mr. Jones:

In his letter to you of April 14, 1966, Vernon Jordan mentions the research reports the Voter Education Projects requires of Operation Registration Cleanup Drive under your grant to conduct voter registration in Pulaski County April 20 to May 25, 1966.

I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the form which we wish your office to fill in and return to us twice a month. Please do not send us forms filled out by several voter registration workers covering different times worked. Instead, we suggest that one of the project personnel collect from the workers their records of persons reached by canvass, taken to register, etc., and total them on one sheet to be sent to us. A supply of these forms is being sent to you under separate cover for use by workers in the field. It is of vital importance that the figures submitted to us be actual numerical count and not estimates.

Since your program is operative immediately, it is advisable that we receive these forms completed in our office on approximately May 4, May 18, and June 3.

It is also necessary that ORCD provide us with a minimum of one narrative report which will set forth in detail the organization, methods, and results of your program. This should be done at the conclusion of the present drive and

should be in the nature of an evaluation of your efforts. Included with it should be samples of any printed materials used. We might expect to receive this on or about May 30. The one report should not be construed as limiting: we wish to encourage all groups we are associated with to provide us with as detailed information as they are able to. As candid and complete a report as you are able to make will assist both you and VEP in planning well for the future.

We wish you success and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Barbara Patterson
Director of Research
Voter Education Project

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"A Constructive Negro Weekly" "We Lift As We Serve"

SOUTHERN MEDIATOR JOURNAL

C. H. JONES, Publisher-Editor

Phone Franklin 4-4809

213 Century Building
POST OFFICE BOX 1257 ____ MAILING ADDRESS

Little Rock. Arkansas

April 21, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Ed. Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Attached you will find a bank signature card as evidence of the ORCD account with Union National Bank of Little Rock, located at 4th & Louisiana, Sts. Also enclosed is a supply of mail deposit slips. We fully understand the requirements and regulations placed upon us in the VEP grant, and are anxious to comply. Please send all future communication and correspondence pertaining to the Union National Bank account to Mr. Larry F. Henslee.

We deeply appreciate the grant funds; they will most definitely play a very strong part in the success of Operation Registration Cleanup Drive in Pulaski County.

Sincerely,

C.H. Jones

C.H. Jones, General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive

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April 26, 1966

Union National Bank
Little Rock, Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Re: Account No. 51-897-476

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $350.00 to be deposited to the account of the Operation Registration Cleanup Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

April 26, 1966

Mr. C. H. Jones
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
P. O. Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed are the following:

a) Letter of tsansmittal to the Union National Bank.

b) Copy of deposit slipk

c) Weekly reporting forms.

d) Petty cash vouchers.

We hope your program is doing well.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

May 9, 1966

Mr. C. H. James
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
P. O. Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. James:

Enclosed you will find the following:

a) Our letter to the Union National National Bank transmitting funds.

b) Copy of the deposit slip.

c) Weekly reporting forms.

We hope that your program is enjoying a good deal of success.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosures

May 9, 1966

Union National Bank
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: Account No. 51-897-476

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find our check in the amount of $190.00 to be deposited to the account of the Operation Registration Cleanup Drive.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

TO:hjo
Enclosure

May 12, 1966

Mr. C. H. James
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
P. O. Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. James:

Enclosed you will find the following:

a) A copy of our letter to the Union National Bank transmitting funds.

b) A copy of the deposit slip.

c) Weekly reporting forms.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

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May 12, 1966

Union National Bank
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: Accjount # 51-897-476

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find our check in the ammonntoff$145.00 to be deposited to the account of the Operation Registration Cleanup Drive.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide

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213 Century Building
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

C. H. Jones, Publisher-Editor

May 18, 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Olive:

Please find enclosed a financial report for the week ending on May 13, 1966.

You will note in my report of the week ending on May 13, that our balance is $95.59.

We have not received the money deposit for this week, and we will be unable to pay off our task workers and others if we do not receive it.

I understand your method is, (No report, no money). We are sending the report Air Mail Special in time, we hope, that you can make another deposit.

Sincerely yours,

C.H. Jones

C.H. Jones - Publisher - Editor
Southern Mediator Journal

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Encls.

May 19, 1966

Mr. C. H. James
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
P. O. Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. James:

Enclosed are the following:
a) A copy of our letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account, b) copy of deposit slip indicating same, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/nm
Enclosure

May 19, 1966

Union National Bank
Little Rock, Arkansas

RE: Account No. 51-897-476

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $110.00 to be deposited to the account of the Operation Registration Cleanup Drive; also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO:nm
Enclosures

cc: Mr. C. H. James

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Voter Education Project

A PROGRAM OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

ROOM 206 / 5 FORSYTH STREET, N. W. / ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA / TELEPHONE 525-0595

~~XXXXXXXXXXX~~ *Project Director*

Arkansas ORCD

Budget Revision VEP 66-33 Report due Wednesday

6 week program April 20 to May 25, 1966

Director @ $50 per week	$300.00	
(4) Task Force Workers @ $15 per week	360.00	
Office Supplies	40.00	
Telephone	25.00	
Transportation	150.00	
Postage	25.00	
Printing and Publicity	100.00	
		$1,000.00

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Arkansas ORCD 6 weeks

ORCD sounds too middle class to reach the ones who are not yet registered but I imagine you hate to give them a bald negative. Although the nuts and bolts of a drive are not present in their proposal, the grand design is. Their budget is modest for 6 weeks. Since what they ppropose is not intensive, I suggest it could as easily be spread out through the July 6 cut-off as run for 6 weeks now.

If you want to do something for them, on registration, not education, suggest 1) that with the resources of media which are apparently at their disposal (KOKY and The Mediator whatsis), their advertising budget could be trimmed, 2) office space could be loaned (a short campaign) by one of the many dignitaries so willing to cooperate, 3) secretary - for what? - could be part-time if at all and could also be loaned, 4) one telephone suffices any project we have been associated with (worthy exception VEJ,Jr.), 5) offic e supplies be confined largely to reporting to VEP on the donated secretary's donated typewriter and a cooperating agency's mimeograph machine be used if needed, 6) transportation to polls is not envisioned so this seems quite superfluous except maybe for bus fares within Greater Little Rock and 7) miscellaneous be confined to cokes for doorbell volunteers.

As so:	office space	00
	telephone	50.
	printing & advertising	150.
	office secy.	00
	office supplies	25.
	transportation	100.
	postage	80.
	misc.	45.
		$450.00

In other words, if the kind of registration campaign they propose which is basically soliciting, can do any good at all, it will be as effective for $450 as it will @$2,055.

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C. H. Jones, Publisher-Editor

June 1, 1966

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Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Olive:

Next week is the last week of our Voter Registration project, here in Pulaski County.

I am happy to report to you, that the drive has been most successful. During this 6 week period, we would have registered about 2,600 persons at the Courthouse. Because of the newspaper and radio campaign, we have indirectly registered a number of other persons. This of course is a hard job because of the lack of education on the part of some of the people we contact. We still have a huge number of persons unregistered. We will endeavor to do our best to get as many of these persons registered as possible.

I hope you can see your way clear to finance the drive for another 30 days. I believe we could do a much better job along the lines of Voter Registration in Pulaski County.

I would like to hear from you regarding the extension of the drive.

Thank you very much for the cooperation and financial help which you have given us in order to conduct what I consider a successful Voter Registration project.

I'm cordially yours,

C. H. Jones - Director

C.H. Jones - Publisher - Editor
Southern Mediator Journal

cc
CHJ/mm

June 3, 1966

Mr. C. H. James
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
P. O. Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. James:

Your letter of June 1, requesting supplementary funds to finance your drive for another thirty days, is acknowledged.

The Project cannot, at this time, honor your request for supplementary funds for two reasons; 1) the limited amount of funds on hand, 2) our desire to put some funds in every community in the South. Little Rock has had at least some funds, while other areas in Arkansas have had none. I am sure you understand.

As you wind up your program, at your earliest possible convenience, a full report on your program would be appreciated. This of course, as you know, is in keeping with our guidelines.

Enclosed are the following: 1) Copy of our letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account, b) copy of deposit slip, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO:nm
Enclosures

June 3, 1966

Union National Bank
Little Rock,
Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $205.00 to be deposited to the account of Operation Registration Cleanup Drive, No. 51-897-476. Also enclosed are deposit slips.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO:nm
Enclosures:

cc: Mr. C. H. James

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cc: Mr. C. H. James

ORCD FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 6 WEEKS PERIOD

April 29, 1966 Report

4 Task Force Workers	$60.00
Office Supplies	24.41
Ads for Southern Mediator Journal	35.00
Transportation	20.00
Director	50.00
Total ----------	$189.41

May 6, 1966 Report

4 Task Force Workers	$60.00
Director	50.00
Total ----------	$110.00

May 13, 1966 Report

4 Task Force Workers	$60.00
Director	50.00
Advertising	35.00
Total ----------	$145.00

May 23, 1966 Report

4 Task Force Workers	$60.00
Transportation	30.00
Publicity	30.00
Telephone	10.00
Office Supplies	15.59
Director	50.00
Total ----------	$195.59

ORCD FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 6 WEEKS PERIOD

May 30, 1966

4 Task Force Workers	$60.00
Director	50.00
Total ----------	$110.00

June 10, 1966

4 Task Force Workers	$60.00
Director	50.00
Transportation	50.00
Telephone	15.00
Postage	10.00
Petty Cash	11.00
Total ----------	$196.00

Total Amount Spent	$946.00

June 14, 1966

Mr. C. H. Jones
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
Post Office Box 1257
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are delighted to learn of the interesting Democratic primary in Arkansas. After careful consideration the Project is happy to extend your program for one week. The amount granted will be $500.00

We hope that this will aid you, in what has been a successful campaign. We appreciate your interest and thank you for writing us.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive, Jr.
Administrative Assistant

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C. H. Jones, Publisher-Editor

June 7, 1966

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Mr. Vernon Jordan, Jr.
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We are definitely having an interesting Democratic primary in Arkansas on July 26, 1966. There are 8 candidates in the race for Governor and there are 10 or 12 constitutional candidates running for office. So you see that its going to be hot and interesting in Arkansas this summer.

We have had what I consider a successful Voter Registration project here, but there is a huge number of persons unregistered. For this reason, I am asking you as I have already asked Mr. Olive, to, if you can see your way clear, send $650.00, to extend the drive for 30 more days.

July 5, 1966, is the last day we can register in Arkansas and vote in the July 26th primaries.

I believe we can increase Voters Registration to a greater degree if we are given this extension.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. Jones

C.H. Jones - Publisher - Editor
Southern Mediator Journal
Chairman of OPERATION REGISTRATION
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June 22, 1966

Mr. Thaddeus Olive
Southern Regional, Inc.
5 Forsyth St. N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Sir:

Enclose you will find the last report of the six week period for Operation Registration Clean up Drive. In a few days I will send you a summary of the six weeks period including some of the highlights activities of O.R.C.D.

Since you informed me a few weeks ago that O.R.C.D. was to recieve $500.00 (Five Hundred Dollars) For the extention of the drive we have been working two weeks and we have not recieved the money yet. Will you kindly look into the matter immediately and forward us the Five Hundred Dollars.

Hoping to hear from you immediately.

Cordially yours,

C. H. Jones

C.H. Jones - Publisher - Editor
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June 23, 1966

Mr. C. H. James
General Chairman
Operation Registration Cleanup Drive
P.O. Box 1956
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. James:

Enclosed are the following: a) a copy of our letter of transmittal, indicating amount deposited to your account, b) copy of deposit slip indicating same, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sinberely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

TO/pf
Encls:

June 23, 1966

Union National Bank
Little Rock, Arkansas

Re: Account No. 51-897-476

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $500.00 to be deposited to the account of the Operation Registration Cleanup Drive. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Aide
Voter Education Project

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July 22, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forysth Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jordan:

I am happy to report to you that OPERATION REGISTRATION CLEANUP DRIVE, was most successful during the nine-week period of the Voter Registration Drive, in Pulaski County. We were able to register at the Courthouse, 2,800 persons.

One of the most successful registration days, was July 5th, which was the last day to register in order to vote in the, July 26th Democratic and Republican primaries.

Among the highlights of the drive, was a "Knock On Your Door Campaign", held April 24, 1966, in whcih 250 high school, college students and adults participated. More than 3,000 persons were pre-registered during the "Knock On Your Door Campaign". As a result of this campaign, we were able to officially register a hughe number of persons.

Another highlight was, "Citizenship Day, on a designated Sunday, in which the ministers of the various churches in the county, gave about 10minustes in their regular 11:00 hour, to urge the members of their respective congregations to register and become qualified to vote.

We have had successful meetings by members of ORCD, twice a month, for the purpose of making reports and creating interest and enthusiasm for the drive. The meetings were held at Dunbar Recreational Center, with an attendance of 40 to 50 people attending each meeting.

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OPERATION CLEANUP DRIVE, which was my idea, was organized on February 18th, at a banquet, at the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA. 150 leaders, from a cross-section of Pulaski County, were in attendance. We setup the mechanics at this meeting and set out to reach our goal of registering 3,000 persons.

I have sent in all reports, financial and otherwise, and I hope they have met with your approval.

We have a balance of $5.00 in the Union National Bank, and I believe most of it will be used for checking account charges.

I would like to thank you and the members of your staff, for cooperating with us in the promotion of OPERATION CLEANUP REGISTRATION DRIVE. I will look forward to working with you in the near future.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Cordially yours,

C. H. Jones

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August 12, 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan Jr., Director
Voter Education Project
5 Forsyth Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Enclosed you will find The Bank Statement for the last "Operation Registration Clean-Up Drive.

The letter was opened through a mistake and I am very sorry for this. Thank you very much for your copperation.

Cordially yours,

C. H. Jones

C.H. Jones
Publisher-Editor
Southern Mediator Journal

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August 26, 1966

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AUG 29 1966

Mr. Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsyth Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia, 30305

Dear Mr. Jordan:

OPERATION REGISTRATION CLEANUP DRIVE proved its worth in the Pulaski County area during this past election stretch. Now we find ourselves even more needed to prepare the community for action in the forthcoming November election.

Arkansas has, at the Present, focused national...and even international attention upon itself by nurturing the rise of yet another demagogic star. The possibility of a racist becoming governor looms strong and clear...and the only democratic process open to head off this statewide socio-economic disaster lies in the hands of the electorate: the Arkansas constituency...which is still predominantly Caucasian...and still predominantly Democrat. If the current rumors can be given any credence, the Republican candidate is not favored...which leads any clear-thinking man to fear the obvious backward trend in an otherwise improving climate.

We, the officers and membership of ORCD, appeal to you and the Southern Regional Council, to continue your assistance in our local Voter Education Project. We are the same people...the same group...with the same dedication and purpose: between now and the 18th of October ...the cutoff date for voter registration...we want AT LEAST to double the present number of Negro voters in Arkansas...and Pulaski County, in order to let as many of the people as possible speak their persuasions through the ballot. (We anticipate using voting machines this fall, and this will require a special education program in late October.)

For our current needs, however, we again appeal to you for support in the amount of $2,500.00, under the same terms as our earlier arrangement, to cover the period August 29, 1966 thru October 18, 1966.

We are proceeding...hopeful that your office will look kindly upon our request. All of our work has been, and will be, non-partisan: we must, however, work to save our state.

Sincerely,

C.H. Jones

C.H. Jones, Chairman
ORCD, Little Rock, Arkansas

P.S. Mr. Moore, your field representative for the Voter Education Project was in the city this past week, and I invited him to attend our ORCD meeting on Tuesday night, August 23.

He was very much impressed with the meeting and commended the organization for its progressive work.

Please send all correspondence directly to the above address.

PS. Read this

Jim Johnson Lauds Goldwater as Foe of Civil Rights Bill

OCT. 29, 1964

Associate Justice Jim Johnson of the state Supreme Court praised Senator Barry M. Goldwater as an opponent of the 1964 Civil Rights Act in a telecast endorsing the Republican candidate for president Wednesday night at Little Rock.

Arkansas Segregationist Raps Court Action on Red Holiday

NOV. 9, 1956

Gazette State News Service

Crossett, Nov. 8.—Former state senator James D. Johnson telegraphed to three United States senators today a demand that the United States Supreme Court be investigated for possible Russian ties.

His suspicion was aroused, Johnson said, when the Court ruled yesterday that segregation is unconstitutional in public parks and playgrounds. Johnson is acting director of the White Citizens Councils of Arkansas, a group dedicated to the preservation of racial segregation.

Johnson Vows To Kick Negroes From Party Jobs

JULY 18, 1966

By RAY MOSELEY
Of the Gazette Staff

Paris, July 18.—Jim Johnson made it clear here tonight that his segregationist views extend to politics as well as schools.

"The first correction I'll make when I become the Democratic nominee for governor," he said, "will be to remove six Negroes from the state Democratic Party leadership and replace them with six white men."

JULY, 1966

He's Not Campaigning Amongst the Negroes

After each speech, Johnson goes on a handshaking tour of the business district for as long as time allows. He ignores Negroes, walking past them without speaking or shaking hands. "I'm not campaigning amongst the colored community," he says.

Johnson Declares in Dissent: Lauderdale's Trial 'Unfair'

FEB. 21, 1961

By United Press International

Supreme Court Justice Jim Johnson dissented yesterday "with all the vigor at my command" from a ruling by the Supreme Court a week ago which upheld the conviction of E. A. Lauderdale Sr. for the dynamiting of the Little Rock School Board office.

Segregationist Asks Restudy Of School Bill

FEB. 14, 1956

Governor Faubus was asked yesterday to call a special session of the legislature so it could again consider an anti-segregation bill it turned down during the 1955 regular session.

The special meeting was requested in a telegram from James D. Johnson, director of the White Citizens Council of Arkansas.

Justice Johnson Indicates He'll Stump State to Back School-closing Proposal

JUNE 1, 1960

Associate Justice Jim Johnson of the state Supreme Court said yesterday he probably would stump the state to campaign for proposed Amendment 52.

"I'm for Amendment 52 because I'm for segregation," Johnson said.

White Council Being Formed In Arkansas

SEPT. 10, 1956

Gazette State News Service

Crossett, Sept. 9.—Former state senator James D. Johnson said tonight a new pro-segregation organization was being formed in Arkansas.

Johnson, a Crossett attorney, identified the group as the White Citizens Council of Arkansas. He said the Council would be an information group "to give news of what is happening in the South."

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P. C. WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN

There Is No Presidential Election Now!

Vote **Against** a JOHNSON named **JIM** JOHNSON

HERE'S WHY

'Unchanged' Johnson Hammers Away At LBJ and 'Crew in Little Rock'

JULY 21, 1966

By JEROL GARRISON
Of the Gazette Staff

Jim Johnson begins each of his stump speeches by saying that he has come to scotch some rumors. "The most vicious thing they've been telling about me is that I'm kin to Lyndon Johnson and I want you to know there's not a dang thing to it," he says.

Johnson, a staunch segregationist, reminds his audiences that "the last time I appeared in your courthouse square was back yonder in 1956" when he ran for governor. He says he was opposed then "to those illegal decisions of the United States Supreme Court" and he still is opposed to them.

"The constitutional principles which Jim Johnson stood for have not changed, and Jim Johnson has not changed," he says.

but instead of saving them from the devil he promises to defend them against the policies of the federal government at Washington.

"If you want a man that has guts enough to stand up and tell Washington * * * that you're tired of this foreign aid giveaway to every hottentot country in the world * * * that you're tired of these federal controls and the prosecution of the majority and the illegal guidelines, that you're tired of the policy that says that any wench that wants to have an illegitimate child can get on your tax rolls even to the point of pre-natal care * * * that you're tired of appeasing every mob that wants to parade in Mississippi or Alabama or Arkansas or Washington * * * then I say join hands with Jim Johnson," he says.

Vote **FOR** FRANK HOLT

You Must Vote Tuesday, August 9th

The Arkansas Project
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
700 West 9th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) FR 5 9081 -6-3541 Recd 3-4-66

APPLICATION FOR VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT GRANT

Twenty-two percent of the people of Arkansas are Negroes --nearly four hundred thousand individuals. Half of them live in a strip of flat, fertile, delta land next to the Mississippi River. Their mode of life there has long been determined by the predominant economic activity of the area, cotton production.

Cotton is a crop that requires intensive cultivation. This back-breaking labor has been performed mainly by Negroes. The pay is poor--80% of the Negro families and unrelated individuals who live in these rural farm areas earn less than $2,000 a year--and so grinding poverty reinforces the tendency to economic dependence and social subordination.

All of this has made the delta Negro highly vulnerable to a pervasive system of discrimination: A dual school system is maintained in Arkansas, twelve years after Brown v. Board of Education. Inequities in physical facilities, pay scales, student-teacher ratios, libraries, books and fees all serve to strengthen the inherently detrimental effects of segregation. The whole administration of justice is biased, and police freely engage in arbitrary arrests of Negroes. Public services such as roads, hospitals, garbage collection, etc. are inferior for Negroes.

The farm programs are notorious for their discriminatory practices--from acreage allotments to loans, from agricultural extension services to ASCS elections. And of course Negroes are still restricted, by and large, to menial work.

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) has been in Arkansas since the fall of 1962. It has been our belief that before meaningful progress can be made on any of these problems Negroes must participate in politics. When Negroes determine the election of sheriffs, mayors and state legislators, and influence the selection of welfare workers, agricultural extension agents and local poverty program officials, these officials will be responsive to the concerns of Negro as well as white citizens. To this end SNCC has long engaged in and encouraged voter registration.

In 1963, under a Voter Education Project grant, the Arkansas Project of SNCC conducted an intensive registration drive in Jefferson County. This effort in the period from June until October 1963 increased registration of Negroes by 50%--from 5000 to 7500. In the following year registration went up to 9500 and for the first time in the county's history, a majority of voting age Negroes were registered. In adjoining Lincoln County SNCC raised registration levels from 900 to 1800 in a similar period and comparable results have been obtained elsewhere. Overall registration levels for Negroes have increased from about 67,000 when we entered Arkansas in 1962 to about 90,000 by the end of 1964. Most of the increase

was in eastern Arkansas where our activities have been concentrated.

Arkansas did not at that time have a system of permanent registration. To vote in any election, you had to have paid your poll-tax before the October 1st preceding the election. In other words if a person turned twenty-one on October 15, 1963 he would have first to wait until Janurary 2, 1964 to register (county officials did not make a practice of selling poll-taxes between October and January). Then he would have to wait until after the following October 1st, 1964, to cast his ballot in any election. Anyone who wished to vote in a summer primary would have to remember to register by the preceding October 1st.

In the November 1964 general election, an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution was proposed to abolish the poll-tax and institute a system of permanent, personal registration. In a close vote, SNCC's earlier registration efforts paid off: The new, heavy Negro turnout on eastern Arkansas came through to pass the amendment.

Under the new system, anyone who registers more than twenty days before an election is eligible to vote in that and all succeeding elections until he changes his address or dies (hopefully not after). No figures will be available under the new system until June and they will no longer be available by race. Everyone must register again under the new system. This entails an enormous investment in time, energy and money. However, the new amendment affers a rich opportunity to build a large, permanent Negro electorate in Arkansas. This electorate could very largely

come into existence in time to affect this summer's primaries.

Because this opportunity exists and because our own resources at the present time would make possible only the most limited program, we are appealing to the Voter Education Project for a grant to begin immediately a comprehensive five month, eight county voter registration drive. This drive would continue from the present time until late July, when the primary elections will be held.

The Arkansas Project now has field secretaries in eight eastern Arkansas counties: Arkansas, Crittenden, Jefferson, Lee, Lincoln, Monroe, Phillips, and St. Francis. More than one-third of the Negroes in Arkansas live in these eight contiguous counties. In four of them Negroes comprise more than half of the voting age population and in two others they are almost fifty per cent. These are areas, then, of potentially enormous Negro political impact. (See Table 1 for population data by county.)

The political system in the Arkansas Delta is traditionally Southern; one party politics--no Negro elective officeholders. Most of the area in which we are working is in the First Congressional District which has returned E. C. (Took) Gathings to Washington for the last twenty-five years. Gathings chairs the House Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Cotton and has been a persistent opponent of progressive legislation.

Two of the counties are in the Fourth District which had been represented by Oren Harris until his recent resignation to take a position on the federal branch. Arkansas County is in the Second District which is represented by Wilbur Mills, chairman of

bench 8th Circuit

the Ways and Means Committee.

The eight counties in the proposal are characterized by one-man machine politics. Meaningful political dialogue has never existed. Usually the county boss is the sheriff, though occasionally it is the county judge. The Republican Party controls no local offices and in most cases is a paper organization.

The political system is monolithic in its support of the dominant economic interests, the planters. The cooperation of these two groups--politicians and planters--has made it possible for the prevailing socio-economic system to survive unchanged for the last one hundred and twenty-five years.

Only recently has there been the possibility of a genuine political alternative in the delta. This possibility is the product of growing Negro political power and consciousness. In several of the counties in the proposal Negroes have been developingpolitical organizations and influence unheard of a few years ago.

Jefferson County's Pine Bluff Movement has been politically active for several years. In 1963 it ran a Negro dentist for City Council and, in the 1964 general election, two Pine Bluff Negroes ran for the Arkansas House of Representatives. In Wabbasekka and Altheimer (Jefferson County) there were Negro candidates for the school boards in September 1965.

In Lincoln County a Negro farmer ran for the state legislature in November 1964 and a Negro ran for the Gould school board last September. Both candidates were membersof the Lincoln

County Civics League and the Gould Citizens for Progress. SNCC has been working with both of these organizations for several years, and helped organize the G.C.P.

In Phillips County a Negro minister ran in November 1964 for a City Council seat as a candidate of the Westside Voters League--another group organized by SNCC. A Negro factory worker ran for the school board there this past September. In Marvell there were Negro candidates for the school board in September of 1964 amd 1965.

In St. Francis County, the St. Francis County Achievement Committee has for the last eight months had an active program dealing mainly with the schools. In September there were demonstrations in which hundreds of Negro citizens were arrested for marching on the Forrest City schools to protest continued segregation. SFCAC ran two candidates there in the September school board election. One candidate was a housewife and the other, a factory worker.

In Crittenden County a Negro candidate ran for the West Memphis school board with the support of the Crittenden County Council.

In Lee County a Negro farmer ran for the school board in the town of Aubrey. SNCC has not been working in Lee County as long as it has in the others, so there is not yet any really functioning organization there.

In Arkansas County the Stuttgart Citizens for Press was organized by SNCC this past summer. The only Negro candidacies so far have been for local ASCS committee positions.

SNCC has been working in Monroe County for only a few

weeks and current Negro registration there is much lower than in the other counties.

The hours of registration are fairly uniform in Arkansas. A person may register in the county clerk's office any day that the courthouse is open and this means all year round. The hours are typically from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Traditionally, in eastern Arkansas as in the deep South generally, Negroes were forbidden to participate in politics. Many Negroes grew to regard that area of life as solely the province of white people. Inveitably, however, SNCC workers have found that by posing alternatives to the Negro community, that community can gradually reawaken to its rights and privileges. The main problem has been to start dialogue on the proper issues. When this dialogue finally begins the result is a hungering to be involved in the political, social, and educational life of the larger community.

A meaningful registration program must involve much in the way of voter education. Here in Arkansas the effects of increased registration have frequently be thwarted by vote fraud. (For a detailed account of these practices see the enclosed Special Report: Fraud in the 1965 Arkansas School Board Elections.) Unless voters learn how their votes can be stolen they can be as effectively disfranchised as if they were never registered at all. The tactics include the fraudulent use of absentee ballots to manipulate votes, confusing and intimidating voters who aren't aware of their rights, mis-marking the vallots of illiterates, andmany other illegal and unconstitutional practices. A vigilent, educated Negro electorate, jealous of its rights, is ultimately

the only way to deal with these un-American practices.

The project will be carried out by our entire staff of fifteen persons. Their names and positions are listed below. All field personnel are field secretaries engaged in community organization and voter registration.

Rev. Benjamin S. Grinage, State Project Director

The project director is responsible for maintaining the forward thrust of the overall project. The responsibility for coordinating and supervising activities lies with him. Much of his time is spent traveling around to the various projects and serving in an advisory capacity to the field personnel.

William W. Hansen, Program Secretary, Administrative Assistant to the Project Director

The Program Secretary acts as an assitant to and shares many of the duties of the project director. He is particularly concerned with developing new programs and coordinating current ones. He spends much of his time traveling around the state to various projects and working with them. In the projected voter registration project, e.g., he and the Project Director will both work closely with field personnel in areas where various factors impede the progress of the registration program.

Little Rock Central Office:

Brian E. Rybolt, Finance Officer, Photographer

Mitchell Zimmerman, Research Director, Communications Officer

Marguerite Holeman, Printing, Research Department, Communications

Field Offices:

Arkansas County (Stuttgart): Dwight Williams

Crittenden County (West Memphis): Vernon Crutchfield

Jefferson County (Pine Bluff): Vincent O"Connor

Lee County (Marianna): Jerry Casey

Lincoln County (Gould): Robert Cableton
Laura Foner

Monroe County (Clarenden): Howard Himmelbaum

Phillips County (West Helena-Helena): Myrtle Glascoe

St. Francis County (Forrest City): Millard Lower
David Archibald

The relationship of the fieldpersonnel to the registration project is obvious. They will canvass, tell people how they can register, drive them to the registrar's office and help them register, if necessary. The question of why there ought to be a separate central office and office staff deserves more attention.

There are many reasons why such an office is indispensable.

1. The strict reporting system and the stringent financial controls which the grant requres calls for central administration. The individuals in the project areas are unaccustomed to making financial and progress reports of this nature, frequency, and regularity, nor do their activities allow them time to do so. It is doubtful whether, as a practical matter, the reporting system could function without central personnel devoted to it. A systemof files and records,and finance and communications departments already exist in the central office. It would be a natural extension of their present responsibilities for them to centralize reporting under the V.E.P. grant.*

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* It might be mentioned at this point that, as per a conversation between Mr. Vernon Jordan of the Voter Education Project and Rev. Grinage of SNCC on February 8th, special arrangements are requested for the administration of salaries. This arrangement would entail The Arkansas Project sending a check for the total amount of salaries to the SNCC national office in Atlanta where deductions would be made for social security and various taxes. The checks would then be sent to the project personnel. The personnel would sign vouchers for each check they received and there would be a record of the check to Atlanta SNCC. Salaries would be paid on a bi-monthly basis.
The reason this procedure is requested is that the national SNCC office has all of the necessary machinery to deal with computing deductions, filing the proper forms, delivering the withheld taxes and social security contributions to the government and sending out yearly pay statements. We felt thatit would be a

2. A good deal of support in the form of brochures and other printed materials on registration procedures and rights will be produced by the Little Rock office for field use. A considerable amount of the day-to-day printed materials--announcing meetings to discuss registration, registration hours, etc.--are mimeographed in the field but much is also done in the central office.

3. For purposes of security, it is important to have a central office away from field offices. The conditions of work, while not unduly risky in Arkansas, still often involve problems of harrassment, arrests, and violence. For the safety of the staff and the stability of the operation it is important that there be personnel, themselves removed from the pressures of the field, whose responsibility it is to maintain contact with field personnel and ensure their safety, to act to notify our lawyer, who is located in Little Rock, the police, FBI, press, and other agencies when a crisis situation occurs. These sort of arrangements cannot be satisfactorily made on an ad hoc basis when a crisis does arise, and we do not wish to operate in the absence of these elementary safeguards for our staff and those local individuals who become involved in voter registration activities through contact with them. The importance of ready contact with our lawyer in Little Rock cannot be overestimated.

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heavy burden and an unnecessary duplication of effort for our office to create this machinery at this time. All other financial matters relating to the grant would be administered directly by the Little Rock office.

4. Our experience indicates that the physical separation of the office from the field project is a requisite of the efficient operation of the office. Certain requirements of the office--order, quiet, lack of personal involvement in actual field activities--are not possible when field personnel and office personnel occupy the same premises.

5. Little Rock offers certain resources and opportunities which we wish to continue to be in a position to take advantage of. Schools in the area represent a source of volunteer office workers which our experience has evidenced does not exist elsewhere. Moreover, we have long been developing contacts in Little Rock in anticipation of the time when we begin a project in the city itself. This may well take the form of a registration drive this summer for which we may be requesting funds for volunteers' salaries in the future. In any event we anticipate activity in Little Rock itself and desire to maintain our contacts here to that end.

6. Even if these considerations did not apply there are no facilities available at the present time sufficient to house both our central office and any field operation, nor do we believe any are available in our project areas. The cost of moving the office and the office staff would also have to be considered.

7. Amidst all of this it should be kept in mind that The Arkansas Project, as an organization, has obligations and commitments other than those which will arise under the Voter

Education Project. We plan to continue our operations after this and possible future grants run out, and our program calls for our continued presence in Little Rock. The presence of a large library, government agencies, and other organizations with which we wish to maintain liason are all factors disposing us to remain in Little Rock.

If Negro Arkansans are to be genuinely enfranchised before they become embittered with the political process we must act now. A rare opportunity is at hand. The Arkansas Project of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee is ready to seize it. With money to support the program, great progress can be made, great obstacles overcome.

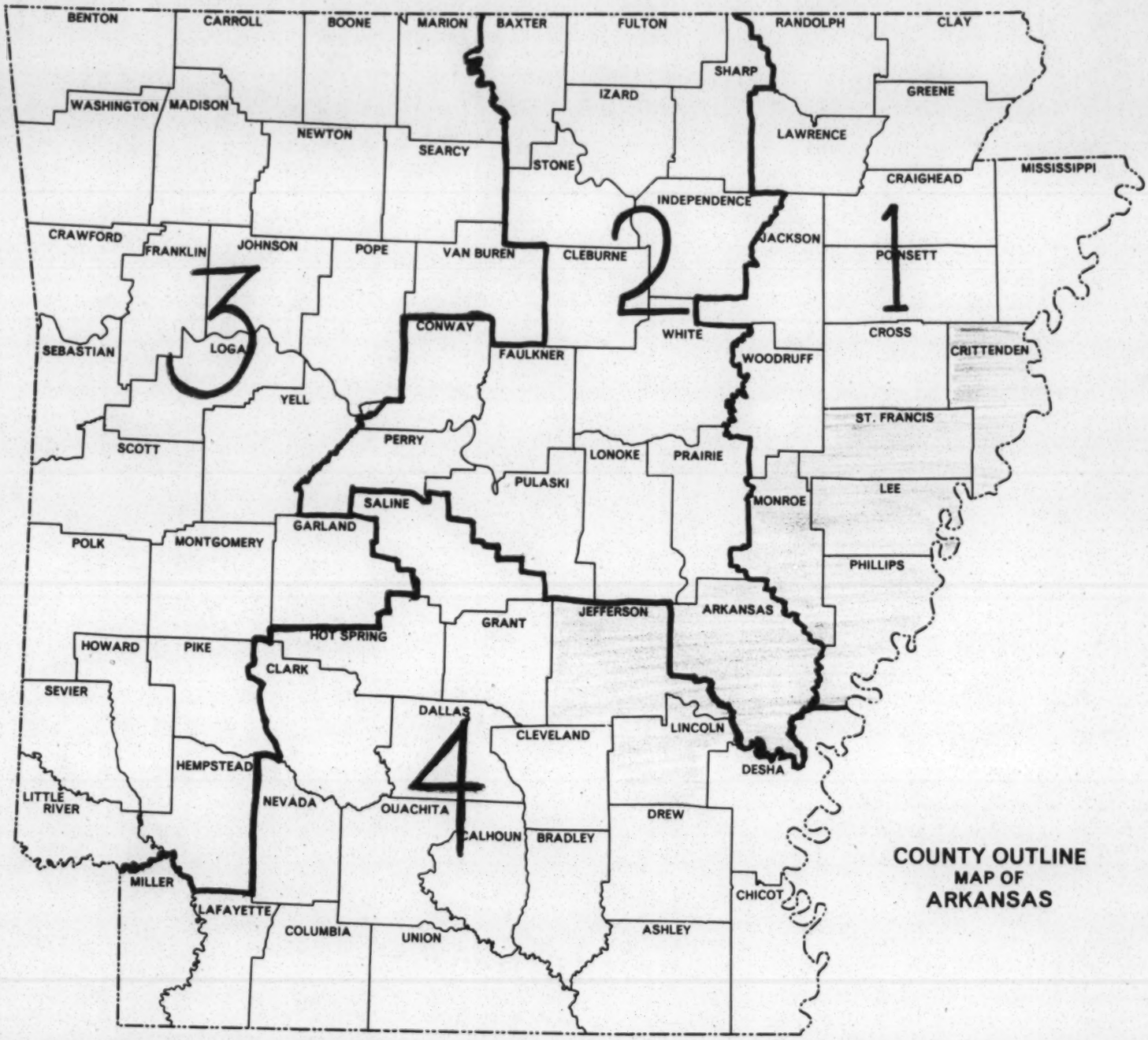
10 February 1965

Table 1. Population by Age and Race, for Eight Counties

County	All ages				Voting Age			
	Total	White	Non-white		Total	White	Nonwhite	
			no.	%			no.	%
Arkansas	23,335	17,564	5,771	24.8	13,398	10,589	2,809	21.0
Crittenden	47,564	19,461	28,103	59.0	23,440	10,569	12,871	54.8
Jefferson	81,373	45,915	35,458	43.5	44,789	27,284	17,505	39.1
Lee	21,001	8,167	12,834	61.1	10,502	4, 545	5,957	56.7
Lincoln	14,447	7,430	7,017	48.6	8,198	4,619	3,579	43.5
Monroe	17,327	8,888	8, 439	48.7	9,015	5,101	3,914	43.5
Phillips	43,997	18,552	25,445	58.0	22,639	10,431	12,208	53.9
St. Francis	33,303	14,324	18,979	57.0	16,366	7,963	8,403	51.4

Map 1

Arkansas Congressional Districts



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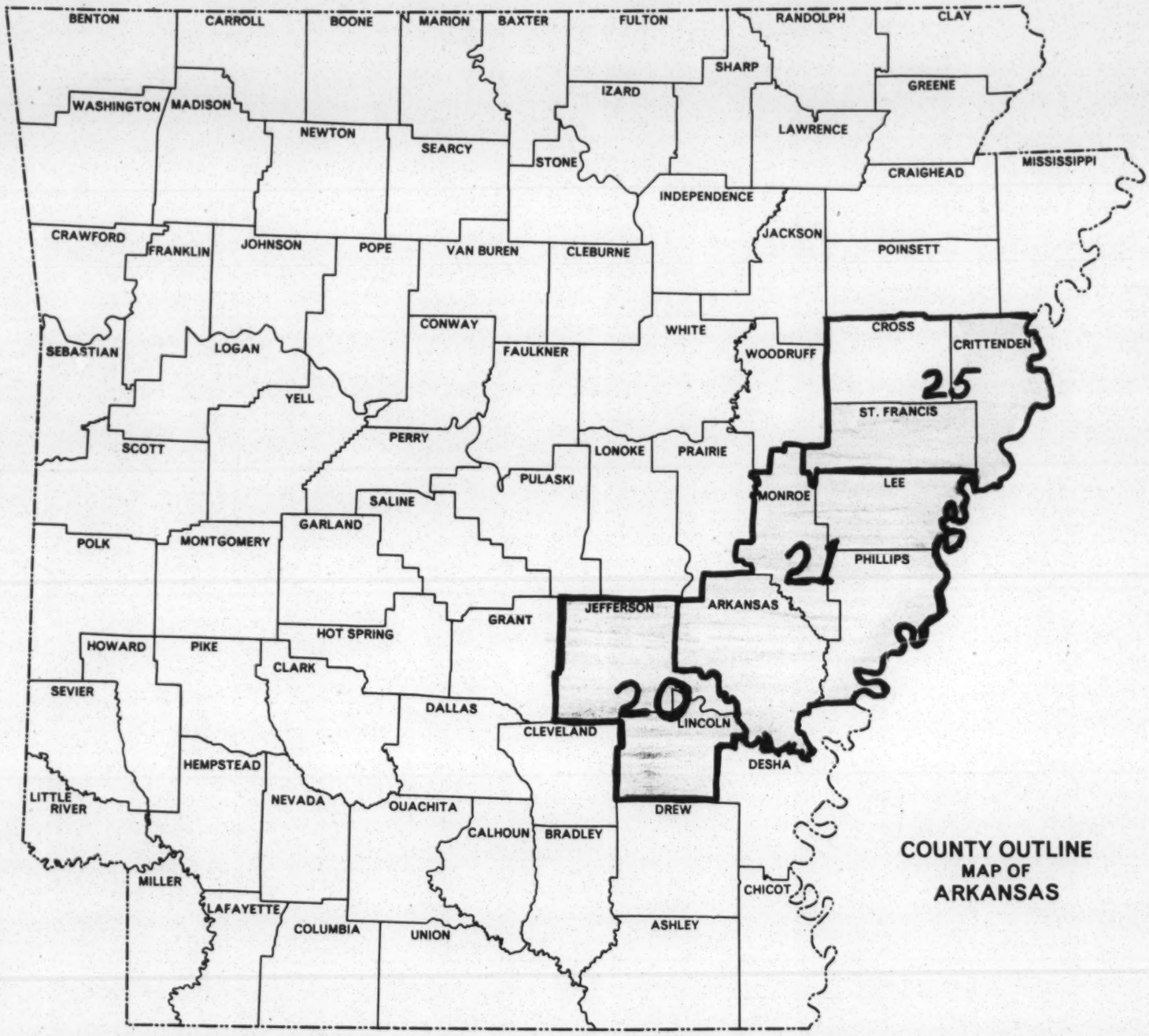
Map 2. Arkansas Senatorial Districts.



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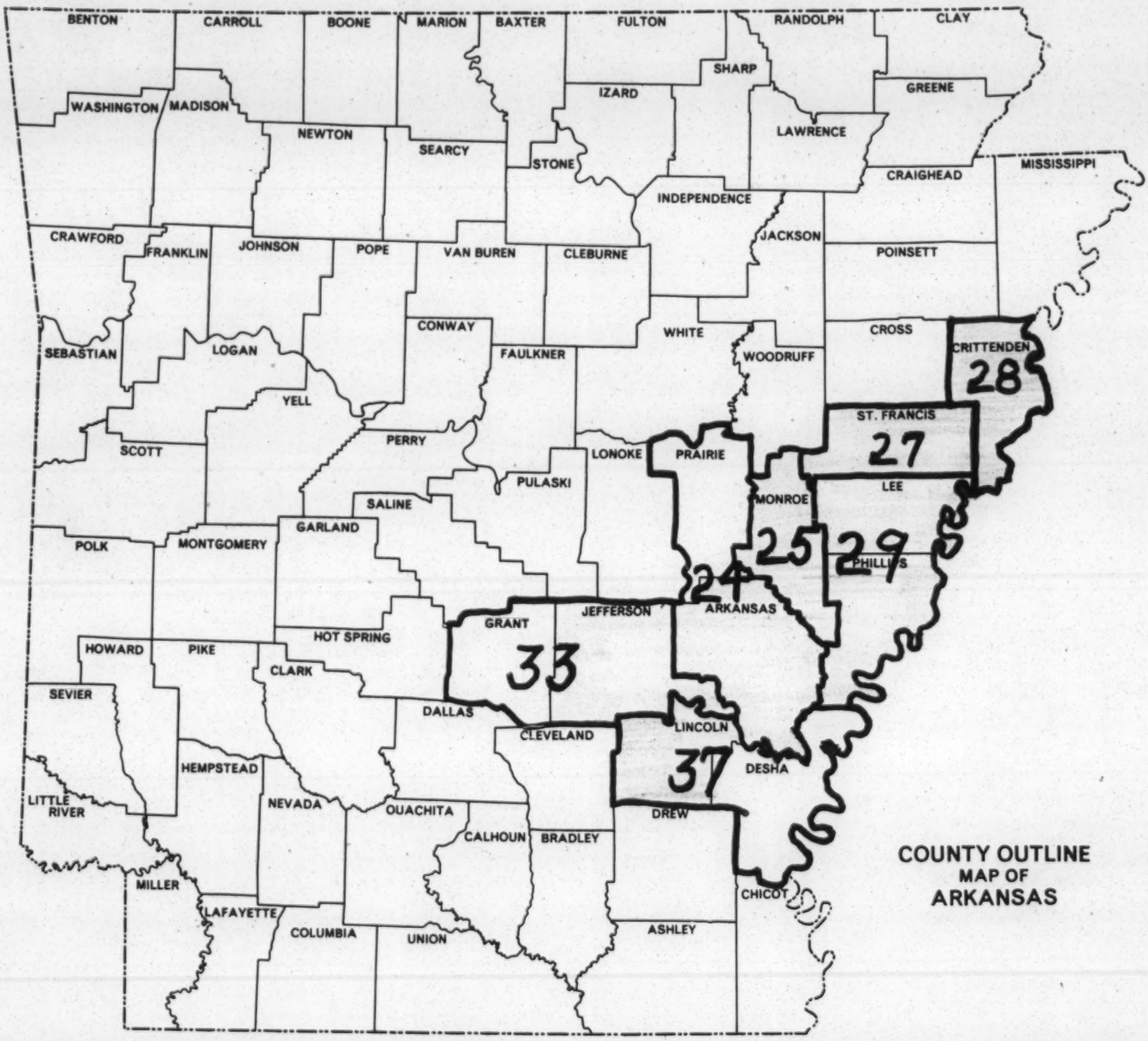
Map 3. Arkansas Lower House Districts



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PROPOSED MONTHLY BUDGET

LITTLE ROCK (Central administrative office)

Rent	$ 75.00
Utilities	25.00
Telephone	200.00
Gasoline and Repairs	150.00
Office Supplies	100.00
Printing and Photography	40.00
TOTAL	$590.00

ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

Rent	$ 60.00	40.00
Utilities	25.00	
Telephone	25.00	
Gasoline and Repairs	75.00	
Office Supplies	25.00	
TOTAL	$210.00	

PHILLIPS COUNTY

Rent	$ 75.00	40.00
Utilities	25.00	
Telephone	25.00	
Gasoline and Repairs	75.00	
Office Supplies	25.00	
TOTAL	$225.00	

LEE COUNTY

Rent	$ 50.00	40.00
Utilities	25.00	
Telephone	25.00	
Gasoline and Repairs	50.00	
Office Supplies	25.00	
TOTAL	$175.00	

MONROE COUNTY

Rent	$ 60.00	40.00
Utilities	25.00	
Telephone	25.00	
Gasoline and Repairs	50.00	
Office Supplies	25.00	
TOTAL	$185.00	

ARKANSAS COUNTY

Rent	$ 50.00
Utilities	25.00
Telephone	25.00
Gasoline and Repairs	50.00
Office Supplies	25.00
TOTAL	$175.00

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Rent	$ 50.00
Utilities	25.00
Telephone	25.00
Gasoline and Repairs	60.00
Office Supplies	25.00
TOTAL	$185.00

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Rent	$ 65.00
Utilities	25.00
Telephone	35.00
Gasoline and Repairs	50.00
Office Supplies	25.00
TOTAL	$200.00

LINCOLN COUNTY

Rent	$ 50.00
Utilities	25.00
Telephone	25.00
Gasoline and Repairs	50.00
Office Supplies	25.00
TOTAL	$175.00

SALARIES

Fifteen full time staff workers at $35.00 per week	$2100.00

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SPECIAL REPORT: FRAUD IN THE 1965 ARKANSAS SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Negro candidates ran for seats on School Boards across the State of Arkansas on September 28, 1965. Of the thirty who ran, all but one were defeated. (That one was opposed by another Negro.) If the experience of the Negro candidates whom the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) backed is representative--and we know of no reason why it is not--then it is probable that most of those defeats involved fraud, and that Negroes would have won many of those contests but for fraud. This report, compiled with the aid of SNCC field secretaries in each of the cities, is an account of the unconstitutional practices which brought defeat to Negro candidates in four Arkansas cities: Forrest City, Gould, West Memphis, and Helena.

It ought to be noted that, pursuant to Arkansas Statutes Annotated 3-1003, representatives of the candidates in non-primary elections, such as the school board election, are only permitted to enter the polling place after the polls close, to observe the counting of the ballots. In several of the cities below, however, the candidates had their supporters stationed outside of the polling place to keep count of the number of persons voting, etc. In this report, when we say "poll-watchers", it is to these people alone that we refer--those who were observing from outside the polling place. When we say "representatives", we refer only to those persons observing the counting of the ballots from inside the polling place.

FORREST CITY

Mr. Truman Bolden and Mrs. Odessa Bradley, the first Negro candidates for school board in Forrest City's history, were defeated by about four to one. Forrest City is 47.1% Negro. The following reports from Negro residents of Forrest City help explain why this happened.

1. Mrs. Euia Pye acted as a representative of one of the candidates at the Ward One polling place, at the old First National Bank Building. She reported two incidents:

(1) While she was waiting for the voting to end, she witnessed a group of Negroes enter the polling place, and hand their registration cards to one of the election judges. The judge waited until it was after 6:30 p.m., the time the polls close, to tell them that they were at the wrong polling place. By then, it was too late for them to vote at all.

(2) After 6:30 p.m., she and Mrs. Ford, the other Negro poll-watcher, attempted to enter the polling place, pursuant to Ark. Stat. Ann. 3-1003, to observe the counting of the votes. Although she and Mrs. Ford showed their authorization slips from the candidates, one of the judges, Mr. Wallace Pierfore, told them that his orders were that they were not to be allowed in. They then returned to the Freedom Center on 114 Cox Street, where Mrs. Ford called the County Clerk to complain about this. They were finally admitted to the polling place, but only two hours after the polls closed. This is particularly significant because Ward One is predominately Negro.

2. Mrs. Georgia Lee Ford was the other representative mentioned above. In addition to her actions as recorded above, Mrs. Ford reported the following two incidents:

(1) She witnessed after the polls were closed that a group of Negroes were turned away, having been told that it was too late to vote. Subsequent to this, a well-dressed white woman drove up and was permitted to vote.

(2) She witnessed that the election judge who was calling out the ballots to the clerks called out the names "Lindsey" and "Sharp" (the white candidates) when Bolden and Bradley were marked on the ballots. She was afraid to complain about it there.

3. Mrs. Ann Jones witnessed the following when she entered the Ward One polling place discussed above to cast her ballot. A white man in a blue suit, identity unknown, would ask Negroes who couldn't read if

they wanted to vote for the Negro candidates. When they said that they did, he would mark their ballots for Sharp and Lindsey.

4. Mrs. Johnson also witnessed incidents as described immediately above.

5. Mrs. Carnell Young was a poll-watcher (that is, outside the polling place) at the Courthouse. She said that the election judges were not helping people to mark their ballots who were unable to read and write, as they were supposed to do by law, but were letting other people mark them.

6. Mr. Wilbur Roberts was a representative for the candidate inside the Arkansas Power and Light Building polling place. He was told by the judges to take a seat which was located where he was unable to see.

GOULD

In Gould, a town 82% Negro, Mr. A. B. Allen, a Negro, was defeated by Mr. Knox Bitely, by more than three to one. Fraud occurred at each of the three polling places in the school district. At City Hall: Poll-watchers for Mr. Allen maintained a watch outside of the polling place throughout the day. They counted the number of white and of Negro voters who entered the polling place, and made a list of the names and ballot numbers of most of the Negro voters there. A total of 272 persons voted in that polling place. The judges' total, however, comes to 288. Moreover, of the 272 observed, 218 were Negroes, and 54, whites. Yet the judges' outcome for this polling place was: Allen, 150; Bitely, 138. (Incidentally, only 28 whites live in Ward 3. City Hall was the polling place for Ward 3 residents only.)

Also at City Hall, Mrs. Carrie Dilworth, Mr. Allen's representative at the counting of the ballots, reported the following:

(1) Eighteen stubs were found in the ballot box. This is in violation of Arkansas law, which requires that the stubs (which contain both the ballot number and the voter's number) to be placed in a separate, sealed stub box. The stubs were replaced in the ballot box when the

counting was completed.

(2) Fourteen bad ballots were found, marked with check marks outside the boxes. The judges called the County Clerk, Mr. Goyen, who said that they should be counted anyway. Five were "given" to Allen, and nine to Bitely.

(3) The judges said that 314 people voted, yet only 288 ballots were counted, and none thrown away.

At the Youth Center: Here, the judges awarded 25 votes to Allen, and 304 to Bitely--a total of 329 votes. Poll-watchers for Mr. Allen, however, counted a total of only 243 voters--30 Negroes, and 213 whites.

At Douglas Store: The judges said that there were 7 votes for Allen, and 120 for Bitely. Yet 12 people who are willing to sign affidavits that they voted for Mr. Allen.

According to Mr. Goyen, the County Clerk, there are a total of 993 eligible voters in the district. Probably no more than about 250 of those voters are whites. If the tally of the poll-watchers is accurate, 267 whites were counted at City Hall and the Youth Center. Most of the 127 voters at the Douglas Store, in addition, were white, consequently it appears likely that more white votes were cast than there were white voters eligible.

More generally, observers at more than one polling place reported:

(1) Many Negroes were being sent to a polling place which was not the one designated for their place of residence. People who lived in the same house were sent to different polling places.

(2) Many white people entered the polling places several times.

(3) Howard Holtoff, head of the Gould City Council, attempted to intimidate Negroes into voting for Bitely. One man was told by Holtoff after he voted that he could go to Mr. Allen if he ever wanted to borrow money again. (The man had not told Mr. Holtoff how he voted.)

(4) The election judges were taking away the permanent registration slips from Negro voters. Also, the judges would not allow a number

of Negroes to vote until they produced these slips, although other voters were allowed to vote without them.

WEST MEMPHIS

In the West Memphis-Hulbert school district, Negro candidate Milton Meux received only 166 votes. His two white opponents, Robert Buck Jr., and O. C. Haley, received 1,608 votes and 209 votes, respectively. West Memphis is 41.2% Negro. The election was characterized by a large number of missing ballots. A rigidly enforced system of segregation at the polling place made relatively simple the task of eliminating the ballots of Negro voters.

1. West Memphis SNCC field secretary Vernon Crutchfield reported:

(1) He witnessed a Sheriff's deputy enforcing segregation on the lines at the polling place. (The segregated lines were depicted in a front page photograph in the West Memphis Evening Times of September 28, 1965.)

(2) The deputy discriminated against Negro voters by allowing as many as ten white voters into the polling place for every Negro voter.

2. Mrs. Bennet reported that she saw election officials telling Negroes whom to vote for.

3. Mr. Floyd Peete reported that the ballot boxes were segregated on the basis of race.

4. Mr. B. J. Yarbough reported that some Negroes were denied the right to vote because they didn't bring their registration cards to the polling place, while whites were not asked to show registration cards.

5. Mr. Amos Jackson reported that he saw ballots being taken from Negro voters.

Two representatives of the candidates reported irregularities in the count.

1. Mr. Eddie F. Carter, a poll-watcher and representative of Mr. Meux at the West Memphis Junior High School polling place, reported:

(1) He was not allowed into the polling place at the beginning of the count.

(2) A ballot box was removed from the polling place before he was allowed to watch the count.

(3) Almost a thousand ballots are unaccounted for at this polling place. Mr. Carter maintained a watch outside of the polling place from 12:05 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on election day, and counted 569 Negro voters. He did not keep count of the number of white voters, but estimates that there were about twice as many white voters as Negro voters. Yet when the ballots were counted at this polling place, the official result was given as: Bucks, 366; Meux, 140; Haley, 71; and one bad ballot--a total of 578 votes. The September 28, 1965 Evening Times reported that at 11 a.m., 440 votes had been cast at this polling place. In other words, according to the Evening Times and Mr. Carter's actual count, a total of 1009 votes were cast, exclusive of those cast between 11 a.m., and 12:05 p.m., and not counting any white votes cast after 12:05 p.m. This indicates that a rather massive vote fraud took place at this polling place.

2. Mr. R. Anderson Montague, a representative of Mr. Meux at the Dabbs Elementary School polling place, reported that the ballots were counted in two separate rooms simultaneously therein making it impossible for him to observe the counting of all the ballots. A request that another authorized representative be admitted to observe in the second room was denied by the judges.

HELENA

In the election to the Helena-West Helena school district, Negro candidate Joel Hines was defeated by William B. Stratton, 3,150 to 722. The city of Helena is 55.9% Negro; West Helena is about 53% Negro. The election was characterized by attempts at indirect intimidation and irregularities in the voting and counting of the ballots. James Hill, a SNCC field secretary in West Helena, personally witnessed most of the incidents below.

At the Arkansas Street Fire Station:

(1) Unfamiliar white people were seen entering this polling place to vote in the course of the day. SNCC observers felt it was likely that many of these persons were voting illegally.

(2) There was an excessive police presence at this polling place, in a heavily Negro neighborhood, such as to amount to an attempt at indirect intimidation of Negro voters.

* A policeman sat inside of the polling place throughout the day.

* During part of the day, a police dog was left unchained and unattended in a police car parked immediately outside the polling place. The windows of the car were left open, and the dog ran back and forth in the car, snarling and barking at voters.

* Throughout the day, a great number of police cars were stationed in front of the polling place. County Sheriff Hickey and City Sheriff Ross visited the polling place during the day.

(3) A number of Negro voters were asked to return home to obtain their permanent registration slips. Voters are not required by law to have these slips in order to vote.

(4) The judges accompanied most Negro voters into the voting booths and watched them vote, violating the secrecy of their ballots.

At the DeSoto Motel:

(1) Representatives of the candidates arrived at about 6:20 p.m., ten minutes before the polls were supposed to close, to find that the ballots had already been removed from the boxes, and were separated into two piles.

(2)A representative of the candidates was told by a judge or clerk that they would have to check with the Sheriff before deciding whether she could be admitted. While they were waiting for word

from the Sheriff, a police car appeared out front, and the officer unrolled a window in front of a police dog inside, and left the dog unattended. Subsequently, the judges and clerks spoke harshly to the representative, and she was too frightened to watch the counting closely.

In West Helena, many election judges were seen moving from one polling place to another during the voting, leading to the suspicion that illegal activities were being coordinated.

CONCLUSIONS

The events recounted above lead to the conclusion that the elections were characterized by: (1) illegal white voting; (2) attempts at harrassing and disqualifying Negro voters through the registration slip requirement; (3) destruction or manipulation of the ballots cast by Negro voters; (4) deliberate misrecording of ballots cast for Negro candidates; (5) segregation; and (6) attempts, direct or indirect, at intimidating Negro voters.

In each of the cities discussed above, a number of Arkansas statutes were violated. Recourse to the state legal process, however,

is generally futile. This is so because these illegal practices do not represent isolated, accidental instances, but a deliberate policy, the purpose of which is to render Negro votes meaningless. This policy has the approval, tacit or outright, and the support, implicit or explicit, of the political and judicial figures who are responsible for enforcing these laws.

The County Board of Election Commissioners, for example, to whom appeal must be made in the first instance, is the same body which appoints the election judges and clerks who were responsible for the frauds in the first place.

Similar problems arise in going to court. The judges are usually either dependent on, or otherwise sympathetic to, the political organization whose representatives have stolen the election. Even were the judges wholly disinterested and unprejudiced, the judicial process would still remain costly, cumbersome, and usually ineffective.

But action can be taken on the Federal level, as well as (or, indeed, instead of) the state level--for these practices are breaches as well of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution, and of the Federal laws enacted for its enforcement.

The lastest Federal law that these actions violate is the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-110), Section 11 (a) of which makes it a Federal crime for anyone to (among other things) fail to tabulate, count, and report the vote of any qualifed voter in any election. But this law will be as meaningless as all the earlier Civil Rights Acts which "protected" voting rights--unless the Federal Government enforces it fully, aggressively, and promptly. It is not enough for the FBI to ask a few questions the day after, and to send another report to Washington. Affirmative Federal action must be taken <u>before</u> the frauds take place, to ensure that the elections are honest and free. The k Attorney General ought to seek injunctions prior to the election (purusant to Sec. 12 (d) of the Voting Rights Act) whenever there is any ground for believing that electoral fraud might take place. And a

presumption ought to exist that there will be fraud whereever Negroes run against whites in places where Negroes are a substantial proportion of the population, and where Negro candidacies and voting are unusual.

The presence of Justice Department representatives, FBI agents, Federal Marshalls, or other Federal observers at the polling places at the time of the election would be more useful than any prosecutions after the fact. The mere presence of such Federal officials would probably suffice to ensure fair elections. Should this assumption prove false, the time would perhaps have come to begin thinking about removing the election proceedings from local hands altogether.

Authority already exists for many of these actions. To the extent that it is lacking, explicit statutory authority ought to be sought. And if it is said that adequate staff is lacking for these actions, it is the obligation of the Administration to see to it that a sufficient allocation is obtained for the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department to guarantee vigorous enforcement of all of the provisions of the Voting Rights Act all over the South. There is no reason why the battle for adequate funds for the enforcement of Congress's laws ought to be any less urgent than that to enact them in the first place.

The Constitution does not say "The right of citizens to vote shall not be denied except when it is too much trouble, or politically inexpedient for the Federal Government to prevent it." The Constitution is unyielding: "The right of the citizens of the United States to vote <u>shall not be denied or abridged</u> by the United States or by any state, on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

The effect of a failure on the part of the Federal Government is predictable. Until now, many Negro Arkansans have maintained their faith that the ballot box is the way to secure social justice. The continued denial of effective suffrage can be expected to erode that faith. And with disillusionment with the political process will come the heightened sense of alienation from American society that prevails in the ghettos of the North. There can be no assurance that, in such

circumstances, the cities of Arkansas will be immune to eruptions of violence such as have stunned the cities of the North.

Time is running out. The Federal Government must demonstrate now, that, nearly a hundred years after the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, it is determined to see to it that the right to vote is not made meaningless by frauds, subtle or obvious, such as have been used in last week's election in Arkansas.

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TO

March 10, 1966

Mr. Benjamin Grenige
President
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
700 West 9th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Grenige:

The Voter Education Project has carefully considered the request of the Arkansas Project, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee to conduct a voter registration campaign in eight counties, as listed below. We are pleased to inform you that we have approved your program in the amount of $4,350.00 for a six week period to run from March 21 to May 2, 1966.

We are limiting the grant to six weeks subject to review and the availability of additional funds. The amount granted is to cover the following:

St. Francis County

Rent @ $40.00 per month	$ 60.00
Utilities	20.00
Telephone	15.00
Transportation	112.50
Office Supplies	25.00
	$ 232.50

Phillips County

Rent @ $40.00 per month	$ 60.00
Utilities	20.00
Telephone	15.00
Transportation	112.50
Supplies	25.00
	$ 232.50

Lee County

Rent @ $40.00 per month	$ 60.00
Utilities	20.00
Telephone	15.00
Transportation	75.00
Supplies	25.00
	$ 195.00

Monroe County

Rent @ $40.00 per month	$ 60.00
Utilities	20.00
Telephone	15.00
Transportation	75.00
Supplies	25.00
	$ 195.00

Arkansas County

Rent @ $40.00 per month	$ 60.00
Utilities	20.00
Telephone	15.00
Transportation	75.00
Supplies	25.00
	$ 195.00

Crittenden County

Rent @ $40.00 per month	$ 60.00
Utilities	20.00
Telephone	15.00
Transportation	90.00
Supplies	25.00
	$ 210.00

Jefferson County

Rent @ $40.00 per month	$ 60.00	
Utilities	20.00	
Telephone	15.00	
Transportation	75.00	
Supplies	25.00	
	$ 195.00	

Lincoln County

Rent @ $40.00 per month	$ 60.00	
Utilities	20.00	
Telephone	15.00	
Transportation	75.00	
Supplies	25.00	
	$ 195.00	$1,650.00
Fifteen full-time staff workers, @ $30.00 per week	$2,700.00	$2,700.00
		$4,350.00

Our guidelines require you to establish a separate bank account, and forward to VEP a copy of the signature card, and an ample supply of deposit slips and the name and address of the bank. The Project will mail a deposit directly to the bank for an amount approximating two weeks cash supply for the program, a copy of the deposit slip will be forwarded to you. You should, however, instruct the bank to mail all bank statements directly to SRC. These will become a part of our records, and should you need access to them, they will be available.

A report itemizing all disbursements and enclosing appropriate vouchers for each disbursement is expected each week. This report is due Wednesday of each week. This report is to be certified by the individual responsible for your project reporting by placing his signature in the appropriate space on the weekly report. The Project will audit this report and reimburse the bank account for the amount spent. We are enclosing a copy of the Reporting Requirements of Recipient Organizations. You and other officers of your project should read these carefully and familiarize yourselves with the requirements.

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March 22, 1966

Reverend Benjamin S. Grinage
State Project Director
The Arkansas Project
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
700 West 9th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Reverend Grinage:

I have your letter of March 19. As I look at your application to the Voter Education Project, you requested $4,220 per month and were granted $4,350 for six weeks, renewable. I can well understand that your original budget was tight and that any reduction would be injurious. On the other hand, the amount of the reduction does not seem to me to be so great as to cause you to reject the grant and I do hope that you will reconsider.

Other than to say this, I am afraid that I have no comment to offer. I assume that you have written to me because you think there may be some way of having the decision of the Voter Education Project reversed. Certainly that is a possibility always but this is not the appropriate court of appeals. I think it would be very bad practice for a Foundation to try to make or influence field decisions and I suspect you might agree.

I repeat my hope that you and the Voter Education Project will succeed in working out this question and that you will have a strong project in Arkansas.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Executive Director

LWD/je

CC - Mr. Vernon Jordan
Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy

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VERNON JORDAN, VOTER EDUCATION PROJECT

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OWING TO CERTAIN CLARIFICATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM PERSONS IN YOUR OFFICE REGARDING THE CONDITIONS OF THE PROPOSED GRANT, WE HAVE RECONSIDERED OUR DECISION. WE NOW FEEL THAT WE CAN, IN GOOD FAITH, PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT AND WISH TO DO SO

A LETTER WILL FOLLOW

REV BEN GRINAGE ARK PROJECT DIRECTOR STUDENT NONVIOLENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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VIA AIR MAIL

March 24, 1966

Mr. Benjamin Grinage
State Project Director
The Arkansas Project
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
700 West 9th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 18, 1966, wherein the Arkansas Project of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee rejected the VEP grant to do voter registration in Arkansas.

We regret very much your rejection of the grant, and the method by which you chose to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

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ARKANSAS PROJECT
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
700 West Ninth
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

March 18, 1966

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Mr. Vernon E. Jordon, Director
Voter Education Project
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
5 Forsythe Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jordon:

The Arkansas Project of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee has considered very carefully your response to their request for a voter registration grant. We regret to inform you that we will not be able to accept the grant proposed in your March 10, 1966 letter.

We are sure that you share our disappointment over this. There is not, in all candor, another group in all of Arkansas capable of implementing a voter registration project as effectively as we. This is particularly true of the places mentioned in our proposal. The Negro people in Eastern Arkansas will certainly be deprived by this situation of an opportunity to significantly augment their political power in this too much ignored state. We fear that the Voter Education Project's actions indicate an insufficient awareness of the requirements and potentialities of voter registration work in Arkansas.

In two basic respects the funding offered by VEP is unacceptable.

(1) Duration: The request we made covered a period of five months--from the present through the first primary this summer. A comprehensive program would have been possible under a grant of such length. A six week grant raises the following questions:

a) Is it efficacious to begin a registration drive of such length that its termination follows close upon the approach of maximum effectiveness?

b) Is it judicious to begin a registration campaign which terminates months before the primary election and thereby

failing to take advantage of the incentive for registration which vigorous political campaigns characteristically generate?

c) We are cognizant of the fact that your letter stated that the grant would be renewed after the initial six weeks. However, in light of the fact that we have no idea of what criteria you will use to judge the effectiveness of our program we have serious doubts as to whether it will pay for us to establish intricate administrative and program machinery for a six week grant.

The answer to all of these questions, from our experience, is "no". If the Voter Education Project genuinely contemplates a six week campaign, we decline to participate in such a parody of a real program. If, on the other hand, V.E.P. anticipates extending the grant, we fail to understand the basis of the initial limitation. The reporting system insures that gross inefficiency can be met by cessation of funds. We had been sufficiently naive, moreover, to assume that SNCC's successful Jefferson County registration program in 1963 (funded by an earlier VEP grant) would have provided abundant evidence of our capabilities. If the Voter Education Project is unwilling to make a more sustained commitment to registration activities in Arkansas, we must remain firm in our decision to reject a grant.

(2) Amount: We appreciate the pressures under which the Voter Education Project must operate in allocating very scarce resources. But we fear that in its eagerness to enforce frugality (a requirement with which we are abundantly familiar), VEP lowered its appropriations below the minimum feasible levels. This infeasibility is reflected in three areas:

(a) Refusal to fund the Little Rock Administrative office. The whole recognition by VEP that a director and his administrative assistant are essential to running a multi-county program is inconsistent with its refusal to fund, on any basis whatsoever, such essential expenses of these administrators as transportation and communication. The rejection by VEP of suggests for funding this office even on a percentage basis (60%, for example, would cover the cost of the two items mentioned above) raises questions about the viability of the overall project, especially when considered in connection with the other limitations of the grant.

Moreover, we must emphasize that we regard as altogether inappropriate your attempts to persuade us to relocate our central administrative office. In response to your request at our first meeting, in Atlanta, we explained in detail why we feel this office must remain located in Little Rock, and why it is essential to the functioning of the registration project for there to be such an office.

(b) Insufficient funds for the operation of any system of communications in connection with the registration drive. In addition to the problem of the Little Rock telephone, the allocation for field telephones reflects a certain lack of realism. The fifteen dollars per project for telephones (which comes to ten dollars per month) is not enough to cover the base charges anywhere in the state. The whole concept of county-wide activity, moreover, requires long distance calls to be made regularly. This is not even to speak of the physical security of field workers. Perhaps one day the delta will be secure enough for far-flung SNCC workers to travel across it without fear -- and without the need for constant telephone contacts. That day, however, has not yet come. Funds may be scarce but we confess that we are unwilling to decide so easily to endanger the lives of our field personnel and those close to them.

(c) The mechanical reduction of salaries. We realize the temptation of the budget-slasher to pare every proposed item. However, a look at the salary proposed ($35.00 per week)

might have indicated that there was no padding there. As the Voter Education Project should well know, SNCC workers are not known to quit working as soon as they have put in forty hours a week. It would be more like an eighty hour week. The salary that you propose represents something in the neighborhood of forty cents an hour. Contrary to what many people might like to think SNCC workers do not enjoy going hungry. It is only that our past financial condition has forced us to accept this.

We wonder what the salary is of the person who cut our salaries to a mere thirty dollars a week. We feel certain that no one on the administrative staff of the VEP has a salary within $100 of what you expect us to work for.

As you will remember, in our initial conversation in your office, James Forman, the Executive Secretary of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, indicated that SNCC would only become involved with VEP if it was treated as an equal with other organizations. Three years ago when the first VEP grants were made, SNCC was not treated as an equal, and whether people want to admit it or not the things that are now possible in some areas of the South would not have happened if it had not been for SNCC people doing work that no one was willing to do. Despite all those accomplishments SNCC was not treated as an equal then and VEP seems determined not to treat SNCC as an equal now.

The Arkansas Project was tempted to accept this grant. We might easily have gone through the motions of running a meaningful registration project. But without phones in the project areas, without provision for the expenses of the directors of the program, without adequate salaries, and without adequate consideration to duration, how effective could we have been?

In any event, it would be as dishonest to the VEP as to ourselves for us to accept the grant on the terms mandated in your letter. We only hope that VEP has been more circumspect in dealing with the requests of states to which VEP perhaps attaches greater significance.

Our financial status suggests that it would not be unduly pessimistic to expect the liquidation or collapse of Arkansas SNCC within the next few weeks. If there is any willingness on the part of the Voter Education Project to arrive at signiificant accomodations with us, we respectfully suggest that this possibility be communicated to us promptly. A delay of any substantial length may find plans for our dissolution sufficiently advanced that the continuation of the Arkansas Project is no longer practicable.

Our best wishes for a fruitful project.

Yours truly,

Rev. Benjamin S. Grinage

Rev. Benjamin S. Grinage
State Project Director
The Arkansas Project

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cc: John Lewis

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XXXXXXXXXX ~~Wiley A. Branton~~, *Project Director*

The Arkansas Project Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

Budget Revision for a 6 week program

ST. FRANCIS COUNTY

Rent @$40. per month	$60.00		
Utilities	~~30.00~~	20	
Telephone	~~30.00~~	15	
Transportation	112.50		232.50
Office Supplies	~~30.00~~	25	~~$262.50~~

PHILLIPS COUNTY

Rent @$40. per month	$60.00		
Utilities	~~30.00~~	20	
Telephone	~~30.00~~	15	
Transportation	112.50		232.50
Supplies	~~30.00~~	25	~~$262.50~~

LEE COUNTY

Rent @ $40 per month	$60.00		
Utilities	~~30.00~~	20	
Telephone	~~30.00~~	15	
Transportation	75.00		195.00
Supplies	25.00		~~$220.00~~

MONROE COUNTY

Rent @ $40. per month	$60.00		
Utilities	~~30.00~~	20	
Telephone	~~30.00~~	15	
Transportation	75.00		195.00
Supplies	25.00		~~$220.00~~

ARKANSAS COUNTY

Rent @ $40 per month	$60.00		
Utilities	~~30.00~~	20	
Telephone	~~30.00~~	15	
Transportation	75.00		195.00
Supplies	25.00		~~$220.00~~

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Wiley A. Branton, Project Director

SNCC CONTINUE

CRITTENDEN COUNTY

Rent @ $40 per month	$60.00 20	
Utilities	~~30.00~~	
Telephone	~~30.00~~ 15	
Transportation	90.00	210.00
Supplies	25.00	~~$235.00~~

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Rent @ $40 per month	$60.00 20	
Utilities	~~30.00~~	
Telephone	~~40.00~~ 15	
Transportation	75.00	195.00
Supplies	25.00	~~$230.00~~

LINCOLN COUNTY

Rent @ $40 per month	$60.00 20	
Utilities	~~30.00~~	
Telephone	~~30.00~~ 15	
Transportation	75.00	195.00
Supplies	25.00	~~$220.00~~

~~Fifteen~~ 8 full time staff workers at $~~35~~.00 per week ~~$3,150.00~~

~~25~~ 30

Total Grant for 6 weeks 2,700 ~~4,600~~ ~~$5,020.00~~

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April 1, 1966

Mr. Benjamin Grinage
State Project Director
The Arkansas Project
Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
700 West 9th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Grinage:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of March 26 wherein you stated that, "owing to certain clarifications received from persons in your office regarding the conditions of the proposed grant we have reconsidered our decision." While we are pleased that you have reconsidered the grant, we are at a loss to know what clarifications you attribute to persons on the VEP staff. The only official correspondence between the Arkansas Project of SNCC and VEP has been by letter on three occasions, including this letter, from the Project Director to Mr. Grinage.

We await the letter mentioned in your telegram. It is our hope that this misunderstanding can be cleared up so that we might get on with the job of voter registration in Arkansas.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.
Director
Voter Education Project

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cc: Mr. John Lewis

April 15, 1966

The Rev. Benjamin S. Grinage
State Project Director
The Arkansas Project
Student Nonviolent Coordinating
Committee
700 West 9th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Grinage:

Thank you for your letter of March 19, 1966, and the accompanying enclosures. This matter has been referred to me for response.

We regret that your negotiations with the Voter Education Project have resulted in a situation that has lead your organization to decline assistance. I assure you that we appreciate the problems spelled out in your letter of March 18 to Mr. Vernon E. Jordan. On the other hand we are aware of the pressures faced by VEP and the shortage of funds available for the work that has to be done. In seeking to obtain maximum results for every dollar expended VEP runs the risk of displeasing many of its potential allies. However, this is an area in which the Foundation has relied upon the Southern Regional Council to establish policy for the expenditure of grant funds. The Foundation grant was to the Southern Regional Council which in turn has used a portion of the grant for support of the VEP. The Foundation has placed wide discretion in the Southern Regional Council for the administration of the grant it received. For these reasons we do not believe that it would be proper for the Foundation to intervene in the matter outlined in your letter. This disagreement would appear to be between honest men on the specifics of how a region-wide program should operate in a particular area. It would appear from your enclosures that there is still a possibility that you and Mr. Jordan can resolve your differences.

We regret that we cannot be of assistance to you. In any event we hope that your organization will be able to carry forth its program.

Sincerely yours,

Christopher F. Edley

bcc: Mr. Vernon E. Jordan

December 9, 1966

The Reverend Benjamin Grinage
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1310 Wright Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Reverend Grinage:

Enclosed are the following: a) copy of our letter of transmittal, b) copy of deposit slip, indicating amount deposited in your account, and c) Weekly Report forms for your weekly reporting.

Good luck in your program.

Sincerely yours,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf

December 9, 1966

Worthen Bank & Trust Company
Little Rock
Arkansas

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of $500.00 to be deposited to the account of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. Also enclosed are deposit slips indicating same.

Sincerely,

Thaddeus Olive
Administrative Assistant

TO/pf